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'We can't sleep' amid CW-1 cap breach

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The head of the ambitious Saipan casino project that wants to complete a $550-million, 14-story casino resort in Garapan by 2017 says they "can't sleep" amid the ongoing contract worker crisis that is expected to uproot families and longtime workers after the CNMI breached the federal cap of the number of workers allowed to work in the NMI this fiscal year.

NEVER FORGOTTEN
The CNMI, left, and United States flags are ragged and torn but the cause and the price what it takes for our freedom will never be forgotten. These flags are located at the old veterans memorial across Marianas High School in Susupe. The CNMI and the rest of the U.S. commemorates Memorial Day this Monday, May 30.
JON PEREZ

Brown

Best Sunshine International, Ltd. CEO Mark Brown said for their Grand Mariana Casino Resort, "they want to go between 2,500 and 3,300 employees." They have 1,200 employees now, he said, and half of them are contract workers and the other local. BSI currently operates a temporary casino in the T-Galleria.

"This is affecting us greatly," Brown told *Saipan Tribune* in an

» Govt, private sector have bleak outlook on CW issue

interview yesterday. "We have issues where people by the time their visa was granted and by the time they got to the island and went to work—they've only been here two months—and they have to leave next week."

"That's the scary part. They've only been here two months. Even though the process took that long," he added. Contract worker permits, the avenue for which the CNMI sup-

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Jurors start deliberating in Jucutan's case

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Former U.S. Army Reserve member Jordan M. Jucutan opens the door for his wife as they leave the Horiguchi Building in Garapan for lunch break after the trial in federal court yesterday. Jurors began deliberating in the case against Jucutan.

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Federal jurors yesterday began deliberating in the case against Jordan M. Jucutan, a former U.S. Army Reserve member who is on trial for allegedly engaging in a scheme to defraud and to obtain money by falsely claiming he referred soldiers about to enlist in the Army Reserve through the Army Recruiter Assistant Program (AR-RAP).

U.S. District Court for the NMI Senior Judge Alex R. Munson, who is presiding over the trial, instructed the jurors to start deliberating at

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Disappearance of Luhk sisters marks 5th year

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Yesterday marked the fifth year of the mysterious disappearance of Faloma and Maleina Luhk near a public school bus pavilion in As Teo, with still no trace of the children and no update in the investigation.

The family of the Luhk sisters offered a Mass and rosary at Santa Soledad Church in Kagman at 6pm yesterday.

» Grandfather says DPS not providing updates, not visiting him

» DPS chief says their investigators working closely with federal counterparts

Elbert Quitugua, grandfather of the Luhk sisters, told *Saipan Tribune* that they are still so sad that there's not even any update from local authorities about what's going on or if they are still pursuing the case or not.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero in an interview said DPS is closely working in coordination with federal law enforcement agencies in the Luhk sisters' case.

"This is an open, active case and we will continue to pursue it as we get leads," Guerrero said.

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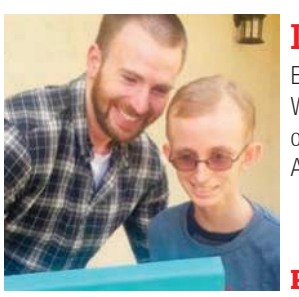

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Local

Jacinto, Roberto lead SAMS promotion

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Bernadette Jacinto and Andrea Roberto finished as the top two among 103 students from San Antonio Middle School in yesterday's promotion ceremony held at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort in Susupe. Jacinto was at the top of the class with Roberto not far behind.

Both Jacinto and Roberto said that they have a lot of memorable experiences in their two-year stay at SAMS, under principal James Sablan.

"I can't choose one since I have a lot of fond memories here," said Jacinto, the eldest of two daughters of Teddy Jacinto and Elizabeth Ramos. Her younger sister, Angel Joy Jacinto, is an incoming 5th grader at Koblerville Elementary School.

"Everyday was a learning experience for me," added Roberto, who excelled in Language Arts and Social Studies. Her parents are Raymond and the late Zenaida Javier.

They also agreed that it is still too early for them to decide what course to take in college, take it one step at a time, and see what subjects they would further excel in once they are in high school.

Jacinto, who finished on top of the class, said she would take the same subjects that are required for every freshman. "But I'm also open to new things. I want to experience other things."

"My plan and goal when I get to high school is to join the National Honors Society of Saipan Southern High School," added Jacinto, who also received the Academic Excellence in Mathematics and Science awards.

She said that she wasn't aware of receiving the highest honor with her parents also surprised to learn on the day of the promotion that their daughter was the school's valedictorian.

"I was really surprised when my name was called. For me, there are a lot of students who are also deserving to receive the award," said Jacinto, who aims to start her collegiate studies at the Northern Marianas College.

BERNADETTE JACINTO
Valedictorian

ANDREA ROBERTO
Salutatorian

Teddy, her father, said they kind of got a hint that their daughter would receive an award. "We were not expecting it but when she told us that she needs to prepare a speech, we know that she'll receive an award. But we don't what kind of award," he said in Filipino.

Jacinto told her peers to keep their bonds of friendship even after their years at SAMS. "We must always remember to be always there for each other. We can move forward if we push together our problems."

Her father, Teddy when asked what promotion gift they would give her, said that they would get their daughter a new mobile smartphone. "She has an old Blu phone, we're planning to give her a Samsung brand."

Chacaha Oceanview

Chacha also had their promotion ceremony yesterday with Nina Lauren Fugaban Valdisimo and Keisa Ann Tudela Duenas earning the top two academic honors. Valdisimo was the Board of Education award recipient, while Duenas earned the Commissioner's Award.

Valdisimo was also the top student in mathematics, science, social studies, woodworking, and Chamorro culture and language heritage studies, while Duenas was No. 1 in business mathematics.

Christian Anthony Barcinas Alepuyo (language arts) and Jennifer Thorie Chong Muna (computer application) were the other academic excellence award recipients.

Carolyn Divine Cabrera was the leadership awardee with Diony Reyes Camacho Jr., Jerrilyn Jane Cruz Reyes, and Jacob Isaiah Igisomar Trecho composing the leadership corps.

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REGARDING PFOS, PFOA CONTAMINANTS:

CUC takes action to comply with new EPA health advisory

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has removed one of its wells contributing water to its water distribution system on Saipan and is monitoring its quality of water to comply with recent nationwide drinking water health advisories issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding two chemical contaminants namely perfluorooctane sulfonate and perfluorooctanoic acid.

"There are several contaminants that are regulated by EPA and there are others that are not regulated. Regulated means there is a maximum that is allowed in the system, the others are 'suspect contaminants' and as they do more and more studies and they get the best information at a certain time then they'll regulate those," CUC chief engineer John Riegel said.

EPA's new assessment indicates that drinking water with individual or combined concentrations of PFOA and PFOS below 70 parts per trillion is not expected to result in adverse health effects over a lifetime of exposure.

"It's one of those bio-accumulating substances that once it goes in, it doesn't go out," Riegel said.

According to CUC, it has removed one of its wells from contributing water to the water distribution system and is monitoring the quality of water that comes from the lsley Reservoir near the Saipan International Airport in response to contamination from these two chemicals.

In 2015, CUC conducted two rounds of sampling of its drinking water supply as part of an effort to test for unregulated contaminants such as PFOA and PFOS.

While there was no detection of PFOA and PFOS in most of the 23 locations sampled from the CUC distribution system on Saipan, there were three locations where PFOA and PFOS were detected above the new 70 parts per

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‘Ice’ supplier gets 41-month prison term

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Xing Bo Fang, one of the alleged leaders of a group of methamphetamine or “ice” suppliers on Saipan, was slapped yesterday in federal court with three years and five months imprisonment for conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of “ice.”

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona gave Fang credit for time served.

Manglona said after serving the prison term, the defendant will be placed on supervised release for five years.

During the supervised release, Fang will be immediately turned over to immigration officials for deportation proceedings. He was ordered to perform 50 hours of community work service.

Fang was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of $2,700 to the U.S. Department of Justice and $100 in court costs.

Manglona forfeited to the U.S. government all of defendant’s right, title, and interest to $8,500 representing the sum equal to the proceeds derived from the offense.

Manglona said the crime that Fang pleaded guilty to involved methamphetamine, dangerous drugs that caused havoc on the island that even some minors get addicted to it.

The judge said Fang gained financial benefit for his action to the detriment of other individuals.

Manglona noted that after he was charged, Fang changed his way, immediately pleaded guilty, and cooperated with the U.S. government and investigators.

Manglona said unlike Fang’s co-defendant Yu Hua Wang, she sees remorse not only in Fang’s words but also in his conduct.

The judge said there is a big difference between Fang’s case and Wang’s.

Manglona said according to the pre-sentence investigation report, Fang has a poker addiction.

Manglona said it’s maybe the reason why Fang joined in Wang’s ring of “ice” suppliers.

“That’s something that you must overcome,” the judge said.

Manglona also noted that Fang has no prior criminal history and took responsibility for his traffic infractions.

Before the judge announced the sentence, Fang, with the assistance of an interpreter, apologized to the court for dealing with drugs.

Fang said he knows what he did was wrong.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe, counsel for the U.S. government, and defense attorney David Banes, both recommended a sentence of 41 months imprisonment or three years and five months.

Backe said Fang immediately signed a plea agreement and cooperated with the U.S. government.

Backe said Fang tried to provide substantial assistance to investigators.

Banes said Fang, who has no criminal history, cooperated with investigators and showed his remorse.

Banes said Fang, who used to be a garment worker, came from a poor background.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, Fang sold about 98.7 grams of 98.0 percent pure methamphetamine hydrochloride to a confidential source of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration on Dec. 27, 2013, at the instruction of Fang’s co-defendant, Yu Hua Wang. Fang himself personally handed it over to the DEA confidential source.

While the confidential source did not give any money to Fang or Wang on that day, the source later gave Wang $8,500 in U.S. government “buy money.”

On Nov. 18, 2013, Fang sold 14.6 grams or 98.5 percent pure methamphetamine hydrochloride to the same DEA confidential source for $2,700.

Fang and Wang were among seven persons arrested in February 2014 by a joint local and federal law enforcement team for alleged distribution of “ice.”

Last May 12, Manglona slapped Wang with a sentence of 11 years and three months imprisonment for pleading guilty to the same offense.

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trillion health advisory concentration amount that EPA issued.

The three locations where PFOA and PFOS were detected above the 70 parts per trillion health advisory level are all near the Saipan International Airport. The well with the highest concentration detected, well lF-208 with a combined concentration of 7,220 parts per trillion, has been removed from contributing water to the general CUC distribution system.

Well lF-208 contributed water to Isley Booster 1, which is another location where PFOS was detected at a concentration of 210 parts per trillion.

CUC believed that removing lF-208 from general service will eliminate the elevated contamination at Isley Booster 1.

The third location that PFOS was detected over the health advisory level was at the Isley Reservoir at a concentration of 170 parts per trillion in February 2015, which dropped to 97 parts per trillion in February 2016.

Although the water from Isley Reservoir is slightly above the health advisory level, CUC will continue to distribute the water while it investigates the sources of the PFOS contamination.

CUC is conducting additional sampling of ground water sources in coordination with the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality in an effort to determine the level, scope, and source of contamination.

CUC, with oversight from BECQ, said it will keep customers informed of their progress in identifying and eliminating the sources of PFOS and PFOA contamination to help the general public limit their lifetime exposure to these chemicals.

PFOA and PFOS were widely used in carpets, clothing, furniture, fabrics, food packaging, and other materials to make them more resistant to water, grease, and stains as well as in firefighting maneuvers at airfields and in a number of industrial processes before it was voluntarily phased out between 2000 and 2002 by its primary manufacturer.

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Respondent

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13 CUC workers, 2 CHCC staff may be affected by CW cap breach

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Thirteen workers from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and two staff from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. may be among those that might not be able to renew their CNMI-only transitional worker status as the cap for fiscal year 2016 was reached earlier this month.

According to CUC acting executive director Gary Camacho, the 12 workers from the power plant and one from the water and waste water engineering division are up for renewal prior to the next fiscal year which starts on Oct. 1, 2016.

Of those 13, seven will have their status expire in June, three in July, two in August, and one in September.

Earlier this year, CUC also experienced being caught in CW woes as about 20 of their power plant workers who were up for renewal got delayed because of late submission of documents.

CUC did not have a human resources manager then, but has hired Andrew Orsini since to address their HR needs particularly the CW petitions.

Camacho said he is not sure if the papers of the 13 workers were processed or filed already.

"We are in the process of preparing all the documentations," Camacho said.

"All I know is that we have 13 workers that obviously we have to renew soon," he added.

The are a total of 32 CW workers in the power plant.

According to Camacho, not having these workers renewed will have a big impact on the power plant's operations.

"These people are highly trained and highly qualified people that we really need," Camacho said.

"These are power plant personnel with many years of experience," he added.

Camacho said it is "imperative that we do everything we can to keep them in the program."

"We need to continue them forward as we continue to develop our non-CW worker staff," he said.

Asked how what they are going to do should the workers get caught in the cap, Camacho said, "We are going to look into ways in ensuring their continued assistance to the corporation and it's important that we make an effort to make sure that our program continues to function properly."

However, there were no clear directions yet on how CUC will pursue this, and when asked if they will be willing to adjust the status of their workers, Camacho said "I don't know."

Muña

"There is no real discussion on what direction we're going to go but that should all transpire over the next few days," Camacho said.

The hospital, on the other hand, has only identified two staff so far that might be affected by the cap breach.

Hospital staff

CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muna told *Saipan Tribune* that they continue to review and determine the impact of the USCIS announcement.

"CHCC HR is currently reviewing the USCIS cap announcement to determine the impact on its CW workforce and the services CHCC provides to the community," Muna said.

"We may have two staff CW applications that may be rejected," she added.

Muna did not specify which department of the hospital the two staff work for, however, earlier interviews with Nursing director Leslie Camacho said that a big batch of nurses would be requiring CW renewals around July of this year.

Though undetermined if those nurses already had their papers processed, Camacho earlier assured that they are working on the renewals "even earlier than the prescribed 90 days in advance."

Out of the hospital's 152 nurses, more than 80 percent, or about 127 are CW workers.

According to Muna, they will have no choice but to comply with the law.

"We will have to comply but I agree with the other businesses. It never gave us a chance to try to avoid this situation," Muna said. "Now we have to pay overtime to cover for those affected."

Muna said they will "work with the leaders" in addressing the CW issue.

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plies most of its workforce, are approved and administered by the federal government and expire in one year.

Brown and other casino officials met with the local administration and acting governor Victor Hocog yesterday. Brown said they went over the issue not just for the casino but for "what the whole island is doing with this case," and are "finding out the details."

"Are we concerned? Absolutely. We can't sleep now," he told *Saipan Tribune* before he left the Office of the Governor building yesterday.

Government officials heavily involved with pressing the federal government on the impacts or options the CNMI faces with a worker cap breached were bleak on the outlook, when *Saipan Tribune* spoke with them yesterday.

In announcing that the 12,999 cap was reached last Saturday, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said it would reject applications received after a close-off May 5 date, including those for extensions of stay for current contract workers.

And that if an extension petition was rejected, beneficiaries listed on that petition would not be permitted to work beyond the previous permit, and that affected and petitioned family members, must depart the CNMI within 10 days after the their permit expired, with no hint of extension or grace period offered.

Officials close to the issue question what this means for a growing CNMI economy that posted a 10-percent revenue growth from last year, largely attributed to various revenues collected from a burgeoning gaming industry and recovering tourism industry.

Officials fear what will happen when permits approved for 2016 come off the books with these workers unable to stay.

They say that permits that expire in June or July this year—for the Saipan casino for example, which started operations last summer—would have to apply under the 2017 CW cap, leave the CNMI, and hope that they are allowed to come back to work in six months.

All this with untold affects on a growing economy, and also depending on if workers can return under a worker cap that federal government shrinks annually and with businesses openly competing for cap space.

While many attribute the current economic growth to the Saipan casino, they, and other new developers, have also taken large chunk of the CW share of the CW quota, mostly for new workers in construction.

Best Sunshine reportedly has taken up between 500 to 2,000 of the CW bulk, *Saipan Tribune* learned, with other projects like Honest Profit International, which is building a resort in San Antonio, taking another 500 for construction workers.

In total, of the 12,999 quota, about 5,500 of the next fiscal year's contract worker visas is expected to be for construction workers.

Torres officials indicated yesterday that they were adamant, in their meeting with the casino yesterday, that Best Sunshine has their subcontractor for construction switch over to the H-visa class, which the CNMI sees no annual limit for. However, that construction company has apparently taken a preference for Chinese workers, *Saipan Tribune* gathered, and China is not a treaty country under the H-visa program.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-Saipan), and the private sector have insisted that construction companies switch over to the H-visa, a warning that apparently has not been listened to and risks seeing longtime workers and their families uprooted and outbid for permit space by new developers, with no leeway from the federal government hinted at yet.

Private sector leaders met with Torres and delegate Sablan officials on Monday to forward their concerns through them to USCIS. Queries have been sent and officials have discussed writing formal letters to USCIS Director Leon Rodriguez or work back channels to seek resolutions, but no glimmer of light or solid official response has been received by officials close to the issue so far, *Saipan Tribune* gathered yesterday.

Still, some officials are hopeful that the USCIS can be creative administratively, and find an option that won't require an act of U.S. Congress to find some room for flexibility within those parameters between now and Oct. 1, the start of the fiscal year, for affected workers and families, *Saipan Tribune* gathered yesterday.

JURORS

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4:35pm.

At 5pm, the jurors were released and ordered to resume their deliberations today, Thursday, at 8am.

In the U.S. government's closing arguments, assistant U.S. attorney Russell H. Lorfing said they have presented sufficient evidence to meet the burden to prove beyond reasonable doubt to find Jucutan guilty of all eight counts—four counts of wire fraud and four counts of aggravated identity theft.

"Ladies and gentlemen, actions have consequences," Lorfing told the jurors.

In Jucutan's closing arguments, defense attorney Pamela Brown Blackburn said after reviewing all the evidence the jury should find the defendant not guilty of all eight charges because the U.S. government failed to prove the charges beyond reasonable doubt.

Blackburn cited the testimony of their nine witnesses.

"All testified that Jordan is known for his honesty," Blackburn said.

Lorfing said it is not about that Jucutan is likeable because it does not change the fact that he committed this crime.

Lorfing said all of Jucutan's stories are outlandish and that the jurors should be insulted.

The prosecutor said U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command special agents Elizabeth H. Smith and Josh Kimrey both testified that Miranda or constitutional rights were read before Jucutan and that the defendant actually signed it.

"Think about how reasonable his (Jucutan) testimony is," Lorfing said.

Lorfing cited an instance during his cross-examination when he got pretty tired of Jucutan being evasive.

"He wants to create an image that he doesn't understand what's going on," he said, noting that Jucutan provided three reasons for him making a false statement.

Lorfing said credibility of witnesses speak for itself.

Blackburn compared Jucutan to David and the U.S. government as Goliath.

Blackburn said Jucutan not only served the nation for eight years, but also made the islands and his family proud.

The defense lawyer said the defendant was raised to be honest and does not even have a traffic infraction.

Blackburn said Lorfing asked Jucutan why some of the potential soldiers or nominees could not remember him.

Blackburn said Jucutan's answer was that he can't testify for them.

"That's being honest," she said.

LUHK

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The DPS commissioner said members of DPS Criminal Investigation Bureau have been working closely with their federal counterparts.

Guerrero said it's a difficult case, but both local and federal agencies are taking an interest in solving the case.

Quitugua said the last time they heard from the Federal Bureau of Investigation was last year when they stated they were still pursuing the case.

"But there's no update from the FBI as of today," Quitugua said.

Quitugua lamented that it's almost like his granddaughters' case has been forgotten by the CNMI government.

"I hope they don't forget that in their pursuit to find where they are, not just them, my two granddaughters, but also the others—the missing Japanese sisters, the Chinese farmers," he said.

Quitugua said it's sad and scary that there is/are a criminal/s out there walking among the people in the community.

Quitugua urged CNMI leaders and members in the community to be more vigilant by coming forward if they hear anything out from ordinary conversation or know something about the sisters' disappearance.

"It's not easy to live for five years and not knowing what happened to your granddaughters," he said.

Quitugua said DPS investigators never give him updates in the investigation for years now.

"They never visit me. They never contact me," he said.

Then 10-year-old Faloma and 9-year-old Maleina Luhk were last seen on May 25, 2011, near a bus stop pavilion in As Teo.

The sisters' disappearance resulted in the most extensive search of missing persons in CNMI history, with FBI agents and DPS officers combing a landfill, caves, jungles, villages, abandoned buildings, and other areas on Saipan for several months.

Hundreds of civilians also volunteered their time to join the searches. A tracking dog from Hawaii was even flown to the island to conduct searches.

In October 2014, the FBI released computer-generated age progression images of how the sisters would possibly look then, three years after their disappearance.

BECQ says BSI now in compliance in dewatering onsite

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The contractors of Best Sunshine International, Ltd. has yet to determine where it would properly dispose water from its excavation activities on their site in Garapan although the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality said the company has been considering discharging in the lagoon.

According to BECQ administrator Frank Rabauliman, they have met with BSI to "discuss status progress as far as compliance."

"We asked them to re-do their environmental compliance plan and phase it out," Rabauliman said.

Rabauliman said BSI is currently at Phase 1, which is dewatering on site through excavation water being pumped out to bladder bags which allows sediment to settle and then pump it out to a ponding basin.

He added that they are ensuring that BSI is following this phase and that when they dewater, it remains on the footprint of the project until such time that they have a final plan for their Phase 2 or the discharging of the water offsite which will include work on pumping out water from the ponding basin, back to a bag that will allow further sedimentation to settle before they can discharge the cleaner water offsite.

"They're still working on Phase 2," Rabauliman said.

Rabauliman said BSI is yet to determine the location on where they will discharge the water.

"That too we've yet to hear what they would propose," Rabauliman said, adding that they've looked at dewatering to an adjacent property, which they would need to properly acquire or discharge into the canal to the lagoon which is going to require a lot more than just a regular permit including U.S. Environmental Protection Agency permits.

"I'm hearing that they are pursuing that," Rabauliman said.

Rabauliman assured that there will be a lot of tests and water sampling before the excavated water will be allowed to discharge offsite.

"To what parameters [for the water sampling] we're still working with the water branch here but certainly turbidity is a huge concern. But we also want to check on heavy metals or whatever other parameters that makes sense," Rabauliman said.

"If we have reason to believe that there were petroleum on the site then perhaps we'll check that but as you know there were a lot of different stuff that were found on the site," he added.

BSI also requested again to lift the restriction on their work hours, which BECQ allowed provided that they are only going to do concreting until 10pm and no excavation activities will be done beyond the regular hours.

"As of last week, everything seems to be working. We haven't heard any noncompliance issues they seem to be satisfied with the arrangement," Rabauliman said.

"To their credit, they've really tried their best to keep the discharge within the footprint of the property," he added.

Between the months of February and April, BECQ issued orders to BSI when it found violations as it repeatedly did not prevent runoff and contaminants from entering the lagoon, among others despite numerous warnings, fines, and cease-and-desist orders.

The casino company's construction workers essentially worked through ways to illegally pump the project's waste and discharge and their potential contaminants into the lagoon through deficient runoff and erosion controls, unpermitted runoff pipes and ponding basins, and excavated grounds outside their permitted construction site, among others, according to these documents.

Rabauliman said there has been "communication gaps" between BSI and their contractors.

"We're meeting with BSI but BSI is not the contractor," Rabauliman said, adding that the information and plans that were discussed "seemingly did not trickle down to the contractor."

"I'm hoping that before they even consider another approach we need to be informed," Rabauliman said, "We're hoping that any new modifications to the plan, they'll come back in."

"Their timeline is still very aggressive. They want to open by the end of this year. We want to see that happen too, but at the same time we have mandates and responsibilities that we owe to the public and that's to ensure that there will be minimum impact by the developers to the environment," he added.

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World Resort settles discrimination lawsuit

Saipan World Resort has settled a discrimination lawsuit filed by an administrator of an estate for the hotel's former assistant human resources manager who passed away in 2012.

Following the settlement, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona yesterday dismissed with prejudice the lawsuit filed by Frank Gibson.

Dismissal with prejudice means Gibson can no longer re-file the case.

Manglona ordered each party to bear own court costs and attorney's fees. She, however, retained the court's jurisdiction to enforce the terms of the confidential settlement agreement.

Attorneys Colin M. Thompson and Rexford C. Kosack, counsel for Gibson and defendant World Corp., doing business as Saipan World Resort, respectively, asked the court to dismiss the case in its entirety after they reached a confidential settlement agreement.

Gibson, administrator for the estate and as the personal representative for Vicente Igisomar Tebit, filed the lawsuit on Dec. 21, 2012.

Tebit, a Carolinian, passed away on Feb. 27, 2012.

Manglona

In his amended lawsuit, Gibson sued Hanwa Hotel & Resorts Co. Ltd., Saipan World Resort, World Corp., and five unnamed co-defendants, for family medical leave violation, disability discrimination, discrimination based on race and national origin.

Gibson asked the court to hold defendants liable to pay Tebit's estate back pay, damages, attorney's fees and court costs.

According to the complaint, Saipan World Resort hired Tebit in May 2004 as a special projects assistant. He was subsequently promoted to assistant human resources manager.

On or before August 2010, Tebit's wife was diagnosed with cancer and needed medical treatment in Honolulu, Hawaii.

In August 2010 or after Tebit applied for leave, defendants told him to resign in order to protect his job, according to Thompson.

Thompson said Tebit applied for 21 days of personal/vacation leave and 43 days of leave under the Family Medical Leave Act to accompany his wife to Honolulu, Hawaii for medical treatment.

Thompson said relying on defendants' promises he would be reinstated to his position upon returning from Hawaii, Tebit submitted a resignation letter effective Sept. 9, 2010.

Upon his return to Saipan, defendants allegedly informed Tebit on Feb. 7, 2011, they had hired Jun Ham, a Korean, as the assistant human resources manager.

Tebit submitted his employment application for assistant human resources manager. Defendants allegedly informed Tebit that they would keep his application on file in case the position became available.

On Oct. 27, 2011, the assistant human resources manager position became available, but defendants allegedly did not inform him about the vacant position.

Thompson said defendants constructively terminated Tebit because of his relation to a person with a disability and that his termination was not based on any medical justification and was discriminatory to Tebit.

In November 2011, Tebit filed a complaint to the U.S. Department of Labor.

In January 2012, Tebit filed a charge of discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission against the defendants. The following month, Tebit passed away.

In September 2012, EEOC issued a notice of right to sue the defendants based on the charge of discrimination to Tebit.

Saipan World Resort has denied discriminating against Tebit. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Birthday fundraiser for Rep. Angel Demapan today

The Committee to Re-Elect Angel Aldan Demapan will be holding a birthday fundraiser for Rep. Demapan today, Thursday, May 26, beginning at 6pm at the Garapan Central Park.

Demapan currently chairs the House Standing Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs and is one of six incumbents representing Precinct 1.

Tickets are $20 and include two free drinks, a sumptuous dinner, and a live entertainment lineup of five local bands.

Tickets will be available at the door.

Demapan will be seeking re-election in the upcoming mid-term election in November.

Demapan

"I want to thank everyone who blessed me with the opportunity to serve our people in the House of Representatives," said Demapan.

"Despite the challenges that beset our islands this past year, we continue to see much needed improvements to our economy.

As we forge ahead, high priority must be placed on ensuring that planned developments in the Commonwealth are scaled and timed in accordance to the labor capacity of the CNMI."

Looking ahead, Demapan vows to continue keeping an active dialogue with the military to ensure that the concerns of the community are addressed before any agreements are made with regards to planned military buildup in the area.

Demapan also plans to continue his efforts to shift funding toward the healthcare needs of the community.

This fiscal year, Demapan authored legislation appropriating nearly $1 million from the Cancer Fund to benefit programs such as medical referral, oral health services, Community Guidance Center, CNMI Medicaid, and the Commonwealth Cancer Association. This bill became Public Law 19-16. ***(PR)***

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP: RFP16-DPS/HSO-125

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 7, 2016 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

"CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR ENHANCEMENTS, MAINTENANCE, UPGRADES AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR ISLAND-WIDE TRAFFIC SAFETY INFORMATION SYSTEMS (ITSIS), A PROJECT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE"

COPIES OF THE RFP MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A PROPOSAL IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ ROBERT A. GUERRERO
COMMISSIONER OF DPS

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR OF P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP16-COTA/FTA-123

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 14, 2016 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

"OFFICE SPACE RENTAL FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OF TRANSIT AUTHORITY (COTA)"

THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON AFTER, **MAY 19, 2016** AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING WILL BE ON **JUNE 03, 2016 AT 10:00A.M.** AT THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OF TRANSIT AUTHORITY (COTA) CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR AT THE NMI RETIREMENT FUND BUILDING, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN ANY PROPOSAL IF, IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ ALFREDA P. CAMACHO
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR OF P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB16-COTA/FTA-124

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 10, 2016 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

"PURCHASE OF TWENTY (20) 2-WAY HANDHELD RADIO UNITS, ONE (1) BASE RADIO AND LAND MOBILE RADIO AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICE TRANSIT AUTHORITY"

THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON AFTER, **MAY 19, 2016** AT COTA, OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, 2ND FLOOR, NMI RETIREMENT FUND BUILDING, ISA DRIVE, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN.

THIS IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH FTA FEDERAL CONTRACT CLAUSES AS APPLICABLE.

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/S/ ALFREDA P. CAMACHO
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR OF P&S

COMMONWEALTH
ZONING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed Amendment to the Official Saipan Zoning Map (Rezone)
For Joyful Team (CNMI) LLC & Tong Feng Int'l., LLC

The Commonwealth Zoning Board is seeking your comments on the following proposed amendment (rezone) to the Official Saipan Zoning Map. Joyful Team (CNMI) LLC & Tong Feng Int'l., LLC is requesting to rezone Lots 141 E 02 & 141 E 05 in Tanapag from "Village Residential" to "Tourist Resort" zoning district to construct a hotel & resort facility. These lots are located beachside along Santa Remedios Road, north of former Basula Producto, and northwest of the Tanapag cemetery.
A public hearing will be held on:

Date: **June 10, 2016**
Time: **5:00 pm**
Place: **Multipurpose Center, Beach Road, Susupe**

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, June 8, 2016. Please send written comments via e-mail to Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.
For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

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COMMONWEALTH
ZONING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
for Marianas Christian Church

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Marianas Christian Church is proposing to construct and operate a church facility. The use is classified as "Church or place of worship" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This proposal is located on Lot 005 H 29, along Chalan Hagoi in Susupe. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

Date: **June 10, 2016**
Time: **5:00 pm**
Place: **Multipurpose Center, Susupe**

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, June 08, 2016. Please send written comments via e-mail to Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.
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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda
Friday, June 10, 2016
5:00 PM, Multipurpose Center
Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan
Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • www.zoning.gov.mp

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 05/12/16 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings

Conditional Use Application #2016-1779: Marianas Christian Church is proposing to construct and operate a church facilty. This use is classified as "Church or place of worship" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This proposal is located on Lot 005 H 29, along Chalan Hagoi in Susupe. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

Rezone Application #2016-1729 (Change of Zoning District): Saipan Globe International Group Ltd. is requesting to rezone Lots 001 B 42, 008 B 16, 008 B 22, 008 B 23, 008 B 24, 008 B 48, and 008 B 50 in San Roque from "Village Residential", "Village Commercial", and "Rural" zoning districts to "Tourist Resort" zoning district to develop a hotel resort. These lots are located on the south and southeast of San Roque Middle School, as well as on the north and northwest of the San Roque fire substation.

C. Communications
D. Old Business
1. None

E. New Business
1. Election of Board Officers
2. Office Operations Reports (Permits, Enforcement)
3. Proposed changes to the Zoning Fees

F. Executive (Closed) Session
G. Miscellaneous
a. Other Matters
b. Announcements
c. Next Meeting

H. Adjourn

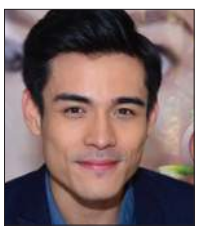
For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

TSOUristas kicks off global tour on Sunday

The Filipino Channel kick off its TSOUristas Global Trip on Sunday on Saipan with *The Story of Us* stars Kim Chiu and Xian Lim out to entertain our *kababayans*. The event, bringing the widely followed teleserye, is from 7pm to 10:30pm at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall.

Chiu



Lim

Saipan is the first stop of a series of TFC events dubbed TSOUristas Global Trip, which will share the entertainment value of ABS-CBN's most watched shows across the world.

"Bringing *The Story Of Us* stars to Saipan marks another first in our efforts to bring a total content experience to new markets," said ABS-CBN Pacific managing director Ailene Averion.

"We continue to expand our audience in new areas as we hear the needs of our Kapamilyas for world-class Filipino entertainment, guaranteed by a brand that is TFC," Averion added.

She said Chiu and Lim are two of the generation's brightest starts that will sure deliver an unforgettable experience that will make our Kapamilyas feel that we always try to deliver to them a piece of home.

Chiu and Lim, labeled as one of the hottest and most enduring Filipino love teams of their time, will get closer to their fans as they bring the thrill of their tandem on Saipan's shores as they share the songs from the including *Kailangan Kita* (I Need You) performed by Angeline Quinto.

Chiu, also known as the Chinita Princess, is not only an award-winning actress but also a top-selling performer as well. Kim first came into the entertainment scene after being named the Grand Winner of the first *Pinoy Big Brother* (PBB) *Teen Edition*.

Since then, Chiu has consistently made a name for herself from television, movies, even at the music industry. During *The Story of Us* show on Saipan, she will share her own hits such as *Mr. Right*.

Lim is also a multi-talented artist himself and will perform solo of international cover songs and his own hits like *Bakit Hindi Ka Crush ng Crush Mo*, and duets with Chiu. The Chiu-Lim love team started when ABS-CBN partnered them in the teleserye *Binondo Girl*, one the network's most widely followed and much-talked about series. After proving their mettle as a team, they have since scored top-rating series and blockbuster movies.

The Story of Us is their comeback series after 2012's top-rating teleserye *Ina, Kapatid, Anak*. Now, the reunion drama is set to create another milestone for both TFC and the love team. This is also ABS-CBN's e first major event on Saipan after a long time.

The event is made possible by Philippine Airlines (PAL), which also announces the launch of their flights to Saipan on June 15, 2016.

Ticket prices are at $40 (with group photo op with the artist) and $20. For more information, visit facebook.com/TFCGuamAndSaipan. ***(PR)***

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Removal of the Derelict Vessels Lady Carolina and Miss Saipan

CPA-RFP-016-16

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority ("CPA") is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals ("RFP"), and other contract provisions, for proposals from individuals, professional firms, companies and/or corporations to provide removal and/or salvage services to the Commonwealth in the form of the removal of the vessels Miss Saipan and Lady Carolina from the waters of the Commonwealth. The successful proposer shall facilitate the proper removal and disposal of the vessels in their entirety, in compliance with all applicable environmental, safety, and other applicable laws and regulations. Proposers are expected to submit a proposal for the removal of both vessels. Specifically, the vessels are not to be pulled away and sunk in deeper waters, but instead are to be removed from where they lay either by refloating and transporting the vessels for safe disposal or refit or by salvaging them piecemeal for proper disposal upon shore. Removal of the vessels shall also be done in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This RFP is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50, Procurement Rules and Regulations of Title 40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the "NMIAC"). Title 40, including Chapter 40-50-225, Request for Proposals, is applicable to the process followed by the RFP.

The Proposal Package is available for pick-up beginning May 25th, 2016 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

The pre-proposal conference is schedules for 10:00 AM, June 17, 2016 at the Seaport Building Conference Room, Port of Saipan. Al proposers interested in submitting a proposal shall attend to gain additional information about the vessels.

Questions and/or clarifications shall be directed to the Executive Director's attention through email at cpa.admin@pticom.com at least 5 days before the scheduled pre-proposal conference.

Proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Proposal for the Removal of the Derelict vessels Lady Carolina and Miss Saipan, Project No. CPA-RFP-016-16.

Proposal submission must be received by the Office of the Executive Director, CPA at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd floor, Arrival Building no later than 2:00 PM, July 8th, 2016.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so, would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman/Contracting Officer

Kensington Hotel Saipan

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When : Monday, May 30th, 2016
Time : 12PM to 5PM

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MVA joins Russia's Pacific Int'l Tourism Expo

On May 20-22, 2016, the Marianas Visitors Authority participated in the Pacific International Tourism Expo (PITE) 2016, the largest and most well-recognized travel-related exhibition in the whole Far East of Russia.

According to the event organizer, more than 10,000 guests visited the three-day exhibition. Many VIP guests, including the governor of Primorsky Region and general consul of the United States in Vladivostok, also visited the event. The event was arranged by the government of the Primorsky Region and was held at the exhibition complex of Far Eastern State University.

At the Northern Mariana Islands exhibition stand, guests could meet representatives of the MVA, ask questions about traveling to the islands, and receive printed materials (brochures, guidebooks) on the NMI and branded giveaways.

To attract more visitors to the exhibition stand, the MVA held a sand art show. An artist illustrated NMI-related pictures and held a sand art class for children.

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On May 20-22, 2016, in Vladivostok, the Marianas Visitors Authority participated in the Pacific International Tourism Expo (PITE) 2016, the largest and most well-recognized travel-related exhibition in the whole Far East of Russia.

Travel agents and guests of the exhibition showed high interest to the Northern Marianas. The MVA also distributed 800 Russia brochures, over 200 guidebooks, and printed materials received from industry partners Mango Resort, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, and Saipan World Resort.

"PITE was an excellent opportunity this year for the MVA's team in Russia to reach consumers directly and a large number of travel agents at one time," said MVA acting managing director Judy Torres. "Although visitor arrivals from Russia are lower, those who are visiting the Northern Marianas now are largely repeat visitors who love the destination, and we anticipate a strong recovery in arrivals once the Russian economy stabilizes."

In addition to the MVA's team in Russia, over 200 national tourism offices, travel agencies, tour operators, and travel-related companies joined the event, including tourism offices of Guam, Malaysia, Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Macao, and the Philippines. ***(PR)***

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A sand art demonstration draws a crowd to the Marianas Visitors Authority stand at the Pacific International Tourism Expo 2016.

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Saipan, Tinian, and Rota were promoted by the Marianas Visitors Authority's team in Russia at the Pacific International Tourism Expo 2016. The event attracted over 10,000 consumers and travel agents.

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The Marianas Visitors Authority's distributed brochures, guidebooks, and other material promoting Saipan, Tinian, and Rota at the Pacific International Tourism Expo 2016.

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A sand art painting of the Northern Mariana Islands draws a crowd the Marianas Visitors Authority stand at the Pacific International Tourism Expo 2016.

DFW awarded $238K to conserve imperiled snails

The Department of Land and Natural Resources-Division of Fish and Wildlife was awarded grant funding from the Competitive State Wildlife Grant program administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The CNMI grant is the first-ever awarded to a U.S. territory in the eight-year history of the national Competitive SWG program. According to DFW director Manny Pangelinan, the $238,000 grant will enable DFW to hire a new Rota-based biologist to focus full-time on snail conservation issues. Many of the CNMI's rare snail species can be found on Rota.

Pangelinan also recognized Conservation Planner Jill Liske-Clark's work that led to the grant award, "Many states apply for these competitive grants but Liske-Clark's work on the grant application as well as her outstanding work on the 2015 CNMI Wildlife Action Plan gave us the edge we needed."

In 2015, the Service listed three tree snail species in the CNMI as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Tree snails are threatened by invasive predators including rats, habitat loss, and impacts from climate change. To maintain and potentially increase the current distribution of the snails, DFW will develop a habitat model to improve management effectiveness, while locating new and managing existing tree snail colonies. This work will lay the foundation for a regional, collaborative conservation strategy for partulid tree snails across the Mariana Islands.

The State Wildlife Grant program targets conservation and protection of "Species of Greatest Conservation Need" as identified in State Wildlife Action Plans. The CNMI Wildlife Action Plan, which describes CNMI Species of Greatest Conservation Need, is available for download from the DFW website at http://www.cnmidfw.com/2015wap/. ***(PR)***

LAINIE ZARONES

Rota Partula snail. The other tree snail species on Rota, recently found to be a "new" undescribed species of the genus Partula based on genetic analyses.

LAINIE ZARONES

A Fragile Tree Snail (*Samoana fragilis*). Seen by DLNR-DFW biologists in 2015, the first detection of this species on Rota since the 1990s.

Emergency power interruption this Saturday

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the general public that there is a scheduled emergency power interruption on Saturday, May 28, 2016, from 7:30am to 4:30pm.

The purpose of the power interruption is to de-energize the primary lines to allow the CUC line crew to relocated 5 each primary power poles, primary conductors, and an ABS switchgear. This relocation is part of the on-going Cross Island Road Improvement Project. CUC greatly appreciates the understanding of the community during this period.

Water services may be affected in the area during the power interruption; however, all services should be restored after the power is re-energized.

Areas to be affected: Partial Feeder 4— Lower Base, Sadog Tasi going up Isa Drive [Laguna Drive, Coastal Drive, Capitol Hill Road (1300 block), Wireless, Governor's Office, and Legislature Building]

Water well: SQ well (Garapan water services will also be affected)

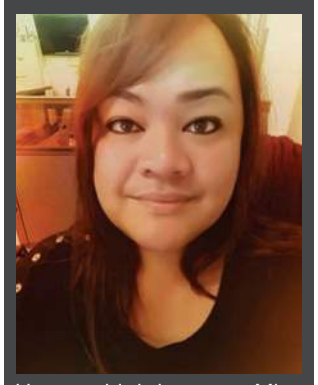
Sewer Lift Station affected: None

Traffic light affected: Sadog Tasi

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, we ask travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the affected areas.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(PR)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy birthday to Miss Shawna Mauricio! May you have a wonderful day and rock it 'til you drop. Much love from the familia!

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EDITORIAL

Visa abuse undercuts US workers

Some foreign companies break the rules when they bring low-paid workers into the country.

American immigration law allows employees of overseas firms to enter the country for a limited period of time to do business for their employers, including overseeing installation of machinery or other specialized products. The law does not allow those employees, who are here legally on what is called a B1/B2 visa, to do the installation work itself. But a work-site accident at a Tesla Motors auto plant in Fremont, Calif., last year has spotlighted an uncomfortable reality: The B1/B2 visa system is subject to manipulation and fraud that perverts its intent and undercuts American businesses and workers.

The accident involved a Slovenian electrician named Gregor Lesnik, whose B1/B2 visa allowed him to enter the country in March 2015 on behalf of his Slovenia-based employer, ISM Vuzem, as a "supervisor of electrical and mechanical installation" at a paint shop in a South Carolina BMW plant. Instead, Vuzem allegedly redeployed Lesnik to the Tesla plant to install an industrial heating and cooling system, something his visa did not allow him to do.

While walking on the roof in May 2015, Lesnik fell through, bounced off scaffolding and other internal structures and landed three stories below on the factory floor, breaking both legs and several ribs and suffering head injuries, including a concussion. Lesnik survived and sued his employers; the San Jose Mercury News recently used the case to explore the broader problems with the visa system.

The State Department issues B1/B2 visas through consular offices overseas. They cover a broad range of potential uses, including traditional tourism, but are also given to employees entering for up to six months to do work for their foreign employer. The visas can be valid for as long as 10 years, and can be used for multiple entries under the large menu of allowed purposes. The Department of Homeland Security can bar a visa holder from entering the country at the border if it's not satisfied that the stated purpose of the trip is allowed under the visa.

Once the visa-holder arrives in the U.S., enforcement is the responsibility of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. ICE officials said they investigate fraudulent uses of the visas, but usually only after getting tip from

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Blowin' in the wind

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The anti-war song on our title is familiar to many, either out of love of country and/or disdain of conflict and violence as an official foreign policy. The '60s was a divisive and a decisive time for the United States, a period when no one tolerated the fence sitters on Civil Rights, racial prejudice, and the Vietnam War. We quite literally wore our political sentiments up our sleeves, if not boldly emblazoned in blouses and t-shirts.

Where is it that we get our passion these days?

SIOP@ is a classroom protocol adopted by the NMI school district as a model to attain universal literacy started at K-3. Initiated in the '60s, it has since become formalized (protocol is an agreement on rules), its eight iterative components consists of lesson preparation, background building, comprehensible input, strategies, interaction, practice and application, lesson delivery, and review and assessment, commonsensical enough to be manageable.

Not too many in 2016 are comfortable with the imperial style of rules dictated from the top. This is true of even of the most rigid of structures, and having recently just taught in China and its formal structures, we might be forgiven if we speak forcefully more than usual.

A related example is the immigration category of "resident visa" that in the U.S. gives someone permission to work wherever they want to and whatever they can manage to perform. A "resident visa" in China simply means one can stay, requiring a "working visa" to be employed, and the visa is applied for by one's employer.

U.S. residency is based on the freedom of the individual, and the right to work is a right rather than a privilege. China operates out of a planned economy, and the reason extreme wealth is escaping out of the country is the mistaken notion that money cannot be sustained in an economy where the planning is formally controlled. We do add that ill-gotten wealth desperately wants out of China, particularly out of the real estate deals in Shanghai, Hainan, and Shenzhen.

We condemned Mao Zedong for promoting conformity over a country and culture in tatters after foreigners tried to sub-divide the country, while Obama is vilified as being a "weak" leader for allowing too many of us to make hard choices and decisions already overwhelmed by the task of determining what color of toilet paper to buy!

Deng Xiaopeng loosened Beijing's formal rein on procedures, and Xi Jinping insisted on going by the books, which maintained judgment by an external order rather than the whims and wishes of the Beijing technocrats. It is in the books!

The weird ascendancy of The Donald shows many in the U.S. long for strong leadership who sets clear rules, imposes it, and the country will follow. Fortunately, those who live by the stringent rules of imperial dictates from the top, on a climate of fear and the methods of "scare", are offset by those who will insist that the freedom to choose shall abide and prevail.

Many on Saipan find their theoretical stimulation from speculating how one lives the lifestyle of Armageddon in the last days! Programs from island radios abet this, holding the image of the End of Times. It is the arrogance of finitude not wanting to be hemmed by time. I wonder how their belief structures evolved.

The "protocol" ambience of SIOP@ deviates from our style of pedagogy that zeroes on the learners rather than the teacher. PSS emblazoned in all its buses and its regular publication the sign "Student First", a guiding principle. It means that the student as an individual takes precedence in the learning process rather than a religious adherence to rules of protocol on instruction. My WSR recruiter assures me that!

That teachers need to have the discipline on knowing their objectives in a timeframe (SIOP insists on daily objectives) is understandable but the expressed function and role of the teacher is subservient to that of the learning student. The teacher's discipline is to be a methods' guru so the learner can learn to learn.

This is common sense, like the example in one of the SIOP books where sometimes, a class activity deteriorates into simply the folding of paper to make airplanes and miss out on the lessons on aerobics and wind drafts in the blowing of the wind.

This is not to suggest that we skip PSS Standard Core curriculum, rather, we be in a "dialogical" relations with the team teachers, all the teachers, and the administration that insures logistical support, not so that the "protocol" rules are followed, but for the sake of student whose role and function in any school system is the primary value.

We might also go beyond the students being just "attracted, persisting, and delighted" in learning, stuck in the emotive level, heartfelt wanting without the sensual, cognitive, and imperative levels of knowledge. Academe focuses on how a child thinks with words and numbers that describe senses, express feelings, articulate thoughts and formulate plans, a human process. I blow with that wind.

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How much should be done to save a life?

By ERIC SNOEY
Los Angeles Times

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"This is … is the end … of my life."

These would be my patient's only words — an economy of phrasing made necessary by an all-consuming air hunger. She had just arrived in the emergency room, Code 3 critical, after a lights-and-sirens ambulance transport from her nursing home. Awake, alert and intensely focused, every effort of her frail, 90-year-old body was concentrated on the simple act of breathing. Her weak heart and failed kidneys had caused her lungs to fill with fluid, every breath becoming a mixture of water and air. The analogy to drowning is inevitable. As her physician, I was going to have to make some big decisions quickly, including this one: How much should I do to save her life?

Typically, when patients gasping for air and with very low oxygen levels show up in my emergency room, it's obvious what to do first: You intubate them. You put a tube in their mouth down into their lungs and connect them to a respirator. It's an aggressive treatment, and anyone awake for it will tell you it's unpleasant. But without enough oxygen in the bloodstream, bad, often irreversible things happen to the body very quickly.

But this patient wasn't typical. She was old, she had no next of kin, and it was clear that a series of recent medical interventions had failed to stabilize her. She'd been in our intensive care unit three times for over a week in the last four months alone. Her most recent stay had involved a seven-day stint on a respirator. Her eventual discharge to the nursing home was a medical high-wire act; an all-too-familiar pattern of readmission to discharge to readmission was playing out.

Perhaps with this in mind, my patient had months earlier completed an advance directive. I was holding it in my hand. We were allowed to make her comfortable: pain medication, oxygen. Explicitly proscribed were intubation, vasopressor medications to support blood pressure, invasive procedures and chest compressions. Her chart noted that she had been intubated the last time she was at the hospital because, as is often the case, paramedics didn't have the advance directive. The chart also noted she was upset about this.

Here's the thing about advance directives: They are guidelines. They do not have the force of law. This is a good thing. Despite what many of us think, we can't truly anticipate how we will feel when we are about to die. Advance directives are especially valuable when someone has a terminal disease or a stroke, and they want to tell doctors what to do when they can no longer decide for themselves. But with a patient such as mine, who was alert despite her distress, it's much more complicated. The human will to live is powerful. Most of the time when patients truly face death, they insist we do what we can to keep them alive.

And so three minutes after her arrival, my patient was surrounded by doctors, nurses and respiratory techs getting ready to do what we do, getting ready to save her life. An oxygen mask was already placed over her nose and mouth, intravenous lines started, cardiac monitor leads attached. A doctor waited at the head of the bed, sedation medications in hand, poised to intubate.

As the senior doctor on duty, what happened next was my call. I knew her medical history. I knew what her advance directive said. And most importantly, I knew what she had said to me minutes ago, when I laid eyes on her: "This … is the end … of my life." There had been no inflection in her voice. It was not a question.

Before I explain what I did next, I want you to stop and consider what you would have done. I ask because society has been debating for decades the role physicians should play in how and when we die. In June, California will join four other states in allowing doctors to prescribe lethal medication to terminally ill but mentally competent patients.

While I support the new California law, I also worry about its implementation and the gantlet of checks and balances patients and caregivers will have to navigate. Who will be in charge of enforcement? Will there be an appeals process for denials? Can any law codify something as complex, emotionally charged and controversial as end-of-life decisions. In truth, the options aren't black and white but intensely gray, defined by nuance and competing goals, and in the moment, doctor and patient may struggle to find common ground.

Although the preservation of life is paramount in medicine, the inevitability of death necessitates a pivot at some point by patient and physician. When and how this happens will be different every time. The patient with terminal cancer choosing to forgo chemotherapy is familiar to most of us. But what of the bedridden stroke patient with a failing heart who now requires dialysis, or someone with severe Alzheimer's who needs open heart surgery, or the alcoholic who will die without a new liver but continues to drink?

As we age or when we become ill, the many decisions we make with our doctor about our care, even small ones, link to create a system of values we will draw upon when our time comes. Put another way, choices about how to live one's life ultimately and simultaneously are choices about one's death. A doctor can inform us, advise us, but in the end — and right up to the end — the choice is each of ours to make.

The Hippocratic oath is both vague and specific about how to manage death. It cautions against "playing God" while acknowledging "it may be within our power to take a life; an awesome responsibility that must be faced with great humility and awareness of one's frailty." What this means is that to first do no harm, you should think about how you would like to be treated in the same situation.

At the patient's bedside, I chose to do less rather than more: "Supportive care only," I said. It was an uncomfortable, conflicted moment for everyone in the room. Our job is to heal the sick and save lives. Then and there, though we could have righted this sinking ship, we did not.

What was left was to bring a measure of comfort to what would inevitably be her death. I gave her a small dose of narcotic in her intravenous line to quiet her air hunger. The effect was almost immediate. Her breathing slowed. Her face relaxed. Her eyes remained open, but she was asleep.

It took about an hour for her to die. First the alarm on the cardiac monitor started going off, unaccustomed to the kinds of numbers it was registering. Then her breathing became erratic — fast and deep, punctuated by long pauses. Her heart rate slowed to 20 beats per minute, then accelerated, then dropped back into the 20s. We disconnected her from the monitor, and the beeping went silent.

I waited and watched for a full 10 minutes more, half expecting her to resume breathing. She didn't. The drugs hadn't killed her. It was the lack of oxygen in her blood. The drugs just made her more comfortable while that process took place — which is what she had wanted.

I have thought a lot about this patient in the months since that night. I know we did the right thing, and I know many doctors who would have done exactly what I did. But I also know many who would have intubated her in the absence of a signed affidavit reaffirming her advance directive.

I can't help wondering if what makes end-of-life decisions so complicated is our definition of medicine itself. The idea of doctoring as a pitched battle against disease is compelling. But it belies the uncomfortable fact that physicians are really more stewards than soldiers. Our patients, and indeed each of us, always die in the end. It's remarkable and good that medicine allows us to live 25 years longer on average than we did 100 years ago. But sometimes my profession forgets that the end point of medical innovation and intervention isn't immortality.

Back in the ER, I completed my patient's medical chart, laboring to put into words the complex choreography of the last hour — a life reduced in death to time stamps, vital signs, monitor readings and the like. Lost in my recounting was the drama of what happened, the nobility of a woman utterly self-aware and in tune with the narrative of her own mortality. She had rejected the false hope of a science that still struggles to understand or communicate its own limitations.

At the end of my shift, the charge nurse reminded me to call the coroner. After giving the coroner my patient's basic demographic information, I was asked the inevitable question — "Doctor, what's the cause of death?" I hesitated — knowing he'd be looking for "cardiopulmonary arrest," "heart failure" or some other expression of convenience. He needed to check a box on a form and yet, I couldn't bring myself to say my lines.

The patient died with a weak heart and failing kidneys, not because of them. I wanted to acknowledge this woman's choice — her role in her death — and ours.

After what must have seemed like a very long time, I spoke. "Natural causes," I said. "She died of natural causes."

VISA

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co-workers or U.S. companies who suspect a competitor of illicitly using low-paid foreign workers. According to 2013 congressional testimony, ICE received 38,000 such tips in 2012. But there's no reporting mechanism in place under which the visa holder must tell the U.S. what activities are being engaged in, nor is there a system for the U.S. company — in this case, Tesla — to ensure that its subcontractors are employing eligible workers.

Lesnik worked for Vuzem, which was fulfilling a contract for Eisenmann, a German-based manufacturer of industrial systems that Tesla hired to oversee the plant expansion. Vuzem beat out local companies for the work because, labor leaders said, it relied on imported employees who would work for much less than Americans would. Lesnik alleged in his lawsuit that although his hourly rate was over $10 an hour, it averaged out to a little over $5 an hour, far below minimum wage, because he wasn't paid overtime for weeks that often reached 80 hours. The same work by a local employee would have cost more than $50 an hour.

Tesla founder Elon Musk has denied any wrongdoing and said that his firm is auditing the contracts to see if its contractors met their wage obligations. Eisenmann has also denied the allegations. Vuzem has acknowledged hiring Lesnik but disputes his account.

ICE officials declined to discuss specifics of the Tesla allegations, but acknowledged that they face hurdles in trying to ferret out visa abusers. Part of the problem is that even when subcontractors exploit visa-holders, the workers usually make more money in the U.S. than they would in their home countries, and therefore have little reason to report the violations. And workers-rights advocates say the foreign-based firms often use threats in the home country to dissuade complaints.

There has to be a better way of addressing worker visa enforcement, beginning with compelling the American company at the top of the chain of contracts to take more responsibility for compliance.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly sunny with a slight chance of light showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers.
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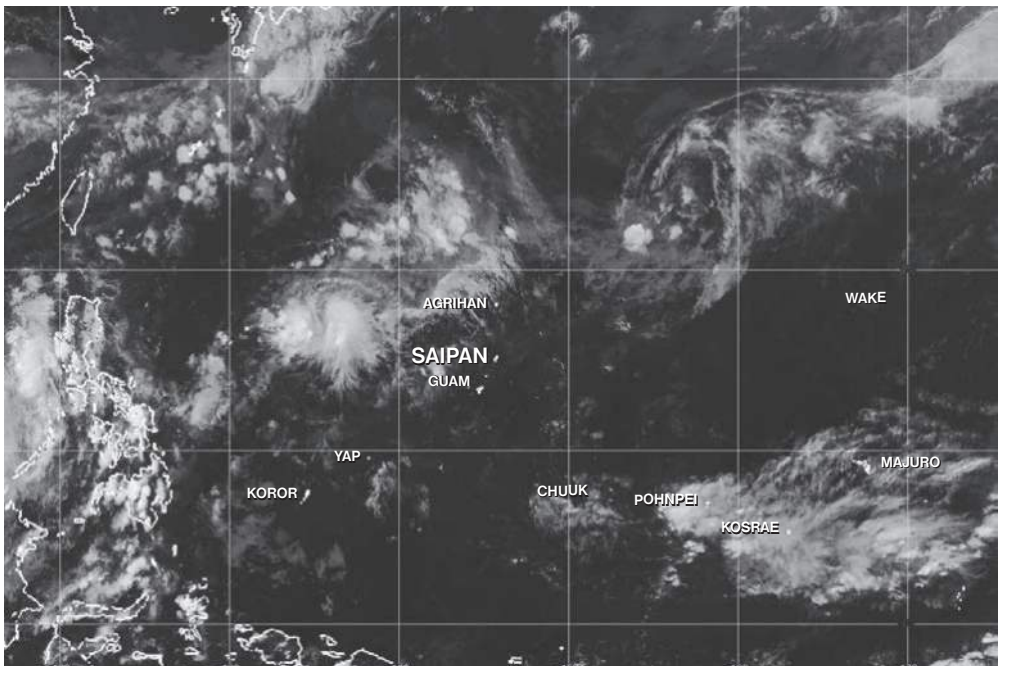
Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A stationary front curves west-southwestward from north of 25N164E to a circulation near Minamitori Shima at 24N156E and then through another a low pressure center west of Iwo To island at 25N138E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring along and up to 200 miles north of this boundary. Converging surface winds south of the two low pressure areas are aiding to trigger similar weather well west of the Mariana Islands within 145 miles of a line from 16N133E to 22N142E and also southeast of Minami Tori Shima within 60 miles of a line from 18N156E to 23N161E. Trade-wind disturbances within the ITCZ are generating widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms to the west and near Chuuk between 6N and 10N from 148E to 154E and also in the vicinity of Pohnpei, Kosrae and Jaluit atoll within 130 miles of a line from 8N157E to 3N165E to 5N171E and finally near Tarawa, Butaritari atolls and southeast of the Marshall Islands within 100 miles of a line from 3N172E to 11N180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼78
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼81
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼81
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲63	▼56
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼57
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼80
Honolulu	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼73
London	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼48
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼56
Manila	Thundershowers	▲93	▼78
Melbourne	Rain	▲54	▼45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲85	▼74
New York	Sunny	▲89	▼67
Osaka	Rain	▲82	▼71
Paris	Showers	▲72	▼56
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼62
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲80	▼60
Salem	Cloudy	▲65	▼48
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲61	▼52
Seoul	Cloudy	▲76	▼57
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼70
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼64

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Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:09 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
5:51 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
10:26 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
5:46 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.2 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:19 PM	9:13 AM
Friday	11:07 PM	10:06 AM
Saturday	11:54 PM	11:00 AM
Sunday		11:55 AM
Monday	12:40 AM	12:50 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	10:35pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA2921/191	1:30pm	8:55am+1	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR
UA2920/191	2:20pm	8:55am+1	2, 6 via GUM
UA2928/191	6:05pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2922/159	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2920	9:45pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM-Rota
UA192/2927	9:45pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2929	9:45pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2920	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2927	11:30pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2929	11:30pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2921	9:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA116/2920	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA116/2927	9:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2929	9:55pm	9:20pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

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Nation

Protests turn violent outside Trump rally in New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—Protests outside a Donald Trump rally in New Mexico turned violent Tuesday night as demonstrators threw burning T-shirts, plastic bottles and other items at police officers, overturned trash cans and knocked down barricades.

Police responded by firing pepper spray and smoke grenades into the crowd outside the Albuquerque Convention Center.

During the rally, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee was interrupted repeatedly by protesters, who shouted, held up banners and resisted removal by security officers.

The banners included the messages "Trump is Fascist" and "We've heard enough."

At one point, a female protester was physically dragged from the stands by security. Other protesters scuffled with security as they resisted removal from the convention center, which was packed with thousands of loud and cheering Trump supporters.

Trump responded with his usual bluster, instructing security to remove the protesters and mocking their actions by telling them to "Go home to mommy."

He responded to one demonstrator by asking, "How old is this kid?" Then he provided his own answer: "Still wearing diapers."

Trump's supporters responded with chants of "Build that wall!"

The altercations left a glass door at the entrance of the convention center smashed. During the rally, protesters outside overran barricades and clashed with police in riot gear. They also burned T-shirts and other items labeled with Trump's catchphrase, "Make America Great Again."

Tuesday marked Trump's first stop in New Mexico, the nation's most Hispanic state. Gov. Susana Martinez, head of the Republican Governors Association and the nation's only Latina governor, has harshly criticized his remarks on immigrants and has attacked his proposal to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. The governor did not attend the rally and has yet to make an endorsement.

Trump said the number of people on welfare in New Mexico has tripled and said Martinez needs to do a better job.

Military spouses struggle to find jobs

WASHINGTON (AP)—Military spouses struggle to find jobs and are more likely to work for less pay or in positions below their education level, spurring unemployment and other costs of as much as $1 billion a year, according to a study.

Wrestling with frequent moves, deployments and erratic schedules of their service member mates, military spouses have an unemployment rate of up to 18 percent, compared to last month's national jobless rate of 5 percent.

The problem is not new to the Pentagon, and in recent years has triggered a flood of new programs aimed at encouraging companies to hire military veterans and spouses.

The latest study was commissioned by Blue Star Families, a group that coordinates services for families with a loved one who is currently serving or has served in the military. And it found that up to 42 percent of military spouses—or as many as 95,000—are jobless, compared to about 25 percent of a comparable civilian spouse population. In addition, it estimated that military spouses with a bachelor's degree earn 40 percent less than their civilian counterparts.

The report noted that various groups have done studies on military spouse unemployment that yielded varying statistics. But there was broad agreement on the overall conclusion that they face higher unemployment rates than civilians, especially those of comparable age.

"The math is shocking, but it also shows the way forward," said Kathy Roth-Douquet, founder and chief executive officer of Blue Star Families. "If we work together to reverse the crippling employment trends facing military spouses, we will add money back to our economy."

And she called on the government and private companies to do more to battle spouse unemployment in the same way they did to beef up the hiring of veterans.

San Francisco retains immigrant sanctuary protections

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Despite national outrage after a Mexican man killed a woman along a waterfront pier, San Francisco officials upheld the city's strict sanctuary protections for people who are in the country illegally.

The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on Tuesday for a measure that clarifies when city workers, including police officers, can notify Immigration and Customs Enforcement of a person's immigration status. Generally, the defendant must be charged with a violent crime and is someone who has been convicted of a violent crime within the past seven years.

The measure, however, also grants San Francisco's sheriff leeway to contact immigration authorities in the limited cases of defendants charged with a felony if they have been convicted of other felonies in the past.

The vote comes at a time of deep distrust between law enforcement and minority communities in San Francisco. Last week, the police chief was forced to resign after officers shot to death an unarmed black woman, the third such death since December.

Advocates of sanctuary protections at the board meeting cheered the proposal's passage, even with the discretions given the sheriff. They say that a clear division between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities is needed to foster trust. The sanctuary law dates back to 1989.

The killing of Kate Steinle in July 2015 and the arrest of Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez put San Francisco's leaders on the defensive as critics and outside politicians, including presumptive GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump, called for a change in the city's sanctuary law.

The sheriff at the time, Ross Mirkarimi, cited the law in defending the release of the man, a repeat drug offender and habitual border-crosser. Mirkarimi, already facing tough reelection prospects, lost to a candidate who said he would have considered greater communication between the city and federal government.

That sheriff, Vicki Hennessy, fought the board's original proposal and said her office should have more discretion. As a constitutionally elected officer, she does not have to follow board orders.

World

Forensic expert says explosion downed EgyptAir Flight 804

CAIRO (AP)—Body parts recovered from the crash of EgyptAir Flight 804 showed signs of burns and were so small that they suggested the jet was brought down by an explosion, a member of the team examining the remains said Tuesday. But the idea of a blast was promptly dismissed by the head of Egypt's forensic agency as "baseless" speculation.

The cause of Thursday's crash of the EgyptAir jet flying from Paris to Cairo that killed all 66 people aboard still has not been determined. Ships and planes from Egypt, Greece, France, the United States and other nations are searching the Mediterranean Sea north of the Egyptian port of Alexandria for the jet's voice and flight data recorders, as well as more bodies and parts of the aircraft.

Egypt's civil aviation minister has said he believes terrorism is a more likely explanation than equipment failure or some other catastrophic event. But no hard evidence has emerged on the cause, and no militant group has claimed to have downed the jet. Leaked flight data indicated a sensor detected smoke in a lavatory and a fault in two of the plane's cockpit windows in the final moments of the flight.

An Egyptian forensic team was examining the remains of the victims for any traces of explosives, according to a team member and a second official, both speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters.

The team member said the fact that all 80 body parts recovered so far were very small and that some showed signs of burns suggested an explosion.

"There isn't even a whole body part, like an arm or a head," said the forensic official, who examined the remains.

He said at least one part of an arm has signs of burns—an indication it might have "belonged to a passenger sitting next to the explosion."

"The logical explanation is that an explosion brought it down," he said, adding that if there was a blast, the cause was not known.

But Hisham Abdel-Hamid, head of the Egyptian government's forensic agency, dismissed the suggestion, telling the state-run MENA news agency: "Whatever has been published is baseless and mere assumptions."

France's aviation accident investigation agency would not comment on anything involving the bodies or say whether any information has surfaced to indicate an explosion.

Other experts were divided on whether the state of the remains necessarily suggested an explosion.

Philip Butterworth-Hayes, an aviation systems expert, said such damage was unlikely if the plane was intact when it hit the water.

WORLD BRIEFS

Mexico City issues 6th smog alert but lifts it after rain

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexico City officials issued their sixth pollution alert of the year Tuesday, but lifted it a few hours later after thunderstorms reduced pollution in the skies above the capital. Such alerts automatically double from 20 percent to 40 percent the proportion of vehicles not allowed to circulate on a weekday. Normally one-fifth of the vehicles in the city and surrounding suburbs must stay at home each weekday, determined by license plate numbers. The latest alert was declared Tuesday afternoon after ozone levels rose above 150 percent of acceptable limits. It also restricted activity at some gas stations and factories and banned the burning of solid or liquid materials.

Rights group urges halt of arms deals to Egypt over abuses

CAIRO (AP)—Britain-based Amnesty International is calling on European Union member states to halt arms sales to Egypt over human rights abuses it characterizes as "fueling killings and torture." In a Wednesday statement, it said that almost half of EU member states have flouted a suspension on arms transfers to Egypt, "risking complicity in a wave of unlawful killings, enforced disappearances and torture." "Internal repression by the security forces remains rife, and there has been virtually no accountability," says Magdalena Mughrabi from the group. "Excessive use of force, mass arbitrary arrests, torture, and enforced disappearances having become a part of the security forces' modus operandi," she added.

Paris attack victims' families meet investigators

PARIS (AP)—Survivors and families of the 130 victims of last November's Islamic extremist attacks in Paris have met for the first time with six magistrates investigating what happened that horrifying night. The emotional meeting Tuesday in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower revived painful questions about the Nov. 13 massacres by suicide bombers at a rock concert, cafes and the national stadium. Claire Houd, whose sister Djamila was killed in the Belle Equipe cafe, said "my sister was on a terrace of a bar, having dinner and yet she never came back. Today what we want to know is who was responsible."

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Qualifications: College Graduate, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Major in accounting is preferred. 3 years progressive accounts payable and general accounting experience. Strong knowledge of relevant computer software application particularly SAPS R3 and FICO. Proficient in data entry and management. Must have strong problem and communication skills. Attention to detail and accuracy is essential. Must be able to work under pressure. Able to work a flexible schedule, including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent. Minimum of (6) years experience in hotel maintenance plus 2 years in supervisory level. Able to supervise, manage and coordinate the activities of mechanics, installers and repairers. Good judgment, decision making skills. Prefer some technical courses. Must know how to read floor plan, and electrical diagram. Valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Must be able to work flexible schedule including holidays, weekends and nights.

Position: Painter (1)
Qualifications: 2 years work experience as a painter. Must have an eye for detail and good judgment. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: Plumber (2)
Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years plumbing experience preferably in a hotel or similar large building or complex with central plant. Knowledge of the tools, equipment and materials common to the plumbing trade is required. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather.

Position: General Maintenance Worker (1)
Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years work experience as a handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with a central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid CNMI driver's license is required. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment of the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights. High School diploma or equivalent.

Position: Electrician (2)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum of five (5) years work experience required. Provide access for future maintenance and avoid unreliable wiring, consistent with verification and electrical codes, and other related duties as assigned. Capable of reading schematic diagram, and electrical symbols. Knowledgeable on industrial electricity, circuit breakers, switches and controls. Must work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Position: Supervisor, Food & Beverage (4)
Qualifications: Strong customer service skills and people oriented. Must be reliable and self-motivated. Is able to stand for long periods of time and lift up to 25 pounds. Minimum of three (3) years work experience as F&B Supervisor preferably in a hotel. Foreign language skill a plus. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Position: Bartender (2)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with minimum two (2) years work experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails required. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Able to work flexible hours including evenings and/or weekends.

Position: Director of Food & Beverage (1)
Qualifications: A degree in hotel and restaurant management id preferred or minimum of 4 years work experience in a hotel food and beverage environment. Experience with and good understanding o financial and operational management of a hotel food and beverage operation. Excellent customer service skills and a passion for the hospitality industry. Stable work history and demonstrated achievement in progressively more responsible positions in hotel food and beverage operations along with strong, supportive employment references. Knowledgeable of safe sanitary procedures and health codes, overall compliance of all health regulations for food preparation. Conducts training an employee's relating on employees relating to the F&B Operation. Proven ability to effectively build a team environment and makes decisions in a fast paced environment. Proficient with computer software applications. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Position: Night Auditor (1)
Qualifications: College diploma or equivalent certificate, in a hotel or resort. Must have at least two (2) years experience in hotel internal auditing. Must be willing to work flexible night duty/graveyard schedule, weekends, holidays and extended work hours. Understanding of business processes and work flow design. Strong financial analytical background and must be knowledgeable on Microsoft Office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Also responsible in handling of company general funds. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy, adapt to changes in work environment, work as assignments and/or changes in priorities.

Position: Guest Relations Supervisor (3)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience or an associate's degree in hospitality or hotel management. One to four years supervisory / managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must be able to supervise and coordinate the activities of guest relations workers to make sure that guests on vacation or business travel have a pleasant experience, while also ensuring that establishment is run efficiently and profitably. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Position: Guest Relations Agent (3)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent, two (2) years experience in providing quality customer and personal service. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for service and evaluation of customer satisfaction. Must be able to handle customer complaints with efficiency. Multitasking skills, detail oriented and effective problem solving are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays and weekends and nights.

Position: Housekeeping Supervisor (5)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. A few months to one year of supervisory / managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must directly supervise and coordinate work activities of cleaning personnel in the hotel. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early mornings hours, holidays weekends and nights.

Position: Laundry Attendant (2)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. 6 months to 1 year work experience as a laundry worker is preferred. Must be able to lift and push up to 30 pounds without any assistance. Must be able to stand on feet for long period of time. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays.

Position: Housekeeping Cleaner (3)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent. Minimum of 6 months work experience in a hotel Is preferred. Able to speak and write English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus . Good customer service skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights. Must be able to lift and carry heavy objects.

Position: Demi Chef (3)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent, or post secondary instruction from vocational schools. Minimum four (4) years work experience as a Demi Chef preferably in hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards is essential. Supervise and coordinates activities of kitchen operation and personnel. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Position: Cooks (6)
Qualifications: Two (2) years experience as a cook in a high volume restaurant of hotel. Must have problem solving abilities, be self-motivated and organized. Must be able to work nights, weekends and holidays.

Position: Baker (1)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Some previous work-related skill, knowledge or experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to work flexible schedule early morning hours, holidays, weekends & nights.

Position: Steward Supervisor (2)
Qualifications: Three (3) years experience in stewarding, one (1) year stewarding supervisor experience. Must be able to work long hours and handle pressure. Have strong knowledge on Health and procedure and implementation.

Position: Purchasing Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: College graduate, Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred. Minimum of three (3) progressive work experiences as a purchasing supervisor preferably in a hotel or fast-paced environment. Ability to make judgments regarding alternatives means of procuring material/ goods or services based on cost and serviceability's. Ability to pay close attention to details with a high degree of accuracy. Ability to adapt to changes in work environment, work assignments and/or changes in priorities. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Experience with inventories to include, but not limited to, Food and Beverage, Dry goods, and Housekeeping Cleaning & Guest Supplies is a requirement. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

Position: Cost Accountant (1)
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring that food and beverage costs are within hotel standards. Renders regular reporting of food and beverage costs to management. Calculates food cost to regular menu items and assist banquet department in costing special banquet menus. Witness/participates in the periodic physical inventory counts and reports to immediate supervisor for any major discrepancies. Bachelor's Degree in accounting, business or finance is preferred. Minimum of three (3) years work experience as cost accountant preferably in a hotel. Proficient in computer software applications particularly SAP, R3 and FICO. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: Supervisor General Accountant (1)
Qualifications: Minimum five (5) years progressive supervisory experience over transaction processing systems and solid accounting background with a working knowledge of business process improvement and internal control compliance. PC literacy and good written / verbal presentation skill.

Position: Income Auditor (1)
Qualifications: Four (4) years progressive experience as an income auditor is required and preferably from a high volume hotel. AA or BA in either accounting or in the hospitality finance is preferred. Strong math and computer skills, particularly with spreadsheets; knowledgeable with accounting software in particular SAP, R3 and FICO are required. Must have an eye for detail; strong time management and organizational skills essential. Must be able to work under pressure and can work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: Manager Accountant (1)
Qualifications: A minimum of Bachelor's degree with an emphasis in accounting, 5 years experience in the area of financial statement preparation, budgeting, payroll, purchasing, accounts payable, and accounts receivable or the equivalent. Experience working with an automated financial management system. Knowledgeable and ability in the use of a personal computer and software applications particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Strong organizational and analytical skills and the ability to maintain detailed records; ability to work effectively under stressful conditions. Able to communicate both written and oral. Must be able to work a varied schedule including holidays and week-ends when required. The applicant must successfully complete a background check.

Position: Supervisor, Accounts Payable (1)
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred or three (3) years work experience within the field and in a supervisory level is required and preferably from a high volume hotel operations. Responsible for coordinating and maintaining accounts payable from receipt of source documents to reconciliation of transactions to General Ledger. Proficient in SAP, Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work flexible schedule on occasions including weekends and holidays.

Position: Supervisor, Accounts Receivables (1)
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting, preferable or three (3) years work experience within the field and in supervisory level is required. Responsible for coordinating and maintaining accounts receivables from receipt of source documents to reconciliation of transactions to General Ledger. Ensures that accounts are kept on current status. Progressive experience in accounts receivable operations and preferably in a high volume hotel operations. Proficient in SAP, Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends and holidays.

Position: Chief Engineering (1)
Qualifications: Extensive experience with installing and troubleshooting electrical switches, operating boilers, and repairing appliances. Must have previous supervisory experience and over five (5) years experience as hotel chief engineer is required and preferably from a high volume.

Position: Mechanical Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: Most occupation in this zone require training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree and four (4) years of mechanical engineering or related experience or any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge skills, abilities have been achieved. Must be willing to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends or holidays.

Position: E-Service System Analyst (1)
Qualifications: Employees in these occupations usually needs several years of work-related experience, on-the-job training, and/or vocational training. Must have knowledge on computer software including applications and programming. Must be able to work independently or with very little supervision. Must have attention to detail. Able to work a flexible schedule including week-ends and holidays.

Position: Mason (1)
Qualifications: Knowledge of related tools, masonry techniques, equipment and materials. Skill in the construction, alteration, repair and maintenance of masonry structures and surfaces. Three (3) years masonry or bricklaying experience, or completion of a three (3) year federally approved technical training program in masonry or bricklaying; or any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge, skills and abilities have been achieved.

Position: Gardener (1)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Two (2) years work experience as groundskeeper or gardener. Must be able to work well with hands and with tools and machinery. Must have strong stamina such that work require much reaching, bending, lifting, and walking; most of working hours are outdoors. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: Senior Supervisor, Food and Beverage (2)
Qualifications: Two (2) years progressive work experience in a large volume restaurant or hotel is preferred. Work experience must be at supervisory level. Excellent customer service, organizational and communicational skills are essential. Must be willing to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays.

Position: Food and Beverage Assistant (1)
Qualifications: Experience and responsibility in management level in food & beverage from a high volume restaurant or hotel. A strong customer and people skill is essential. Must be able to work under pressure and time constraints. Strong organizational and time management skills are necessary. Knowledgeable on sanitation and health regulation and implementation thereof. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early mornings, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: Restaurant Manager (1)
Qualifications: 2 years experience as restaurant manager is required and preferably from high volume restaurant or full service hotel. Strong communication, interpersonal and customer service skills are essential. Good problem solving and organizational skills are needed. Requires the ability to work under pressure and time constraints. Ability to speak Japanese, Korean or Mandarin Chinese is preferred. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights and holidays.

Position: Assistant Manager Rooms Division (1)
Qualifications: Years of training involving both on-the-job experience and informal training with experienced workers as an Asst. Rooms Division Manager is required and preferably from a high volume hotel. Excellent customer service and ability to communicate effectively with customers and management team. Proficient with hotel property management system and computer software applications are essential. Must have profound knowledge in room's management. Ability to speak and write in Japanese is preferred. Must be able to work flexible schedule including days, nights, weekends and holidays.

Position: Front Desk Manager (1)
Qualifications: Must have a minimum of three (3) years experience in Front Desk Management in a high volume hotel or full service hotel. Strong communications skills both written and verbal are necessary; demonstrated leadership abilities. Must have an energetic and dynamic personality and able to multitask. Must be proficient in computer software applications. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, and holidays.

Position: Director or Rooms (1)
Qualifications: 3 years progressive experience in a comparable position in a luxury hotel operation is required. In-depth knowledge of all aspects of Rooms Division operations; strong organizational and interpersonal skills. Must have the flexibility to meet the demands of a 24-hour operation and the ability to work comprehensively with spreadsheets and budgeting packages.

Position: Manager Information Technology (1)
Qualifications: Bachelors degree in computer science or equivalent education and experience. Knowledgeable of website technologies. 2 – 4 years progressive IT experience in management level including experience in multi-office environment. Demonstrated ability to lead a team of technical staff to work with the executive management of an organization and to manage multiple concurrent projects. Excellent communication skills. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: Director of Sales and Marketing (1)
Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Sales & Marketing or business preferred with a minimum of six (6) years related experience with progressive managerial experience. Demonstrated in-depth sales and marketing techniques and financial principles. Fluency in Japanese language is essential. Able to travel off island occasionally to attend sales meetings as necessary. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including holidays and weekends.

Position: Waiter / Waitress (16)
Qualifications: High school diploma / GED preferred. At least six (6) months serving experience required or six (6) months current hosting experience. Restaurant and Beverages experience preferred. Proven knowledge of Micros or equivalent computer software and cash check, credit card handling procedures required. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Position: Chef De Partie (1)
Qualifications: 2 years work experience as Chef de partie or 3 – 4 years as Demi Chef / Commis preferably from a high volume hotel or large restaurant with good standards. Qualification in kitchen production or management will be an advantage. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards will be essential. Knowledge of basic computer skills in MS Office.

Executive Chef (1)
Qualifications: Responsible for all food purchase specifications and recipes including that used for restaurants, banquet functions and other outlets. Develop and monitor food and labor budget for the department. Interview, select, train, supervise, counsel and discipline all employees in the department. Maintain highest professional food quality and sanitation standards. 2 years previous experience as executive chef in a high volume hotel or large restaurant. Strong interpersonal , communication and organizational skills are essential.

Applications can be obtained at the Security Office at the Hotel's South Wing. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than June 6, 2016.
Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Environment

Sailors' nightmare in Rio Olympics: plastic bags, trash

By STEPHEN WADE
AP SPORTS WRITER

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In this Aug. 31, 2015 file photo, a Hello Kitty doll lays amid garbage scattered in Guanabara Bay in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—If you're the head of world sailing, this is your worst Olympic nightmare.

A sailor nears the finish line in Rio de Janeiro's polluted Guanabara Bay, holding the lead with a coveted gold medal in sight. Suddenly, the boat loses speed. A plastic bag catches the rudder. Chasing boats overtake for all the medals, and millions on worldwide television watch a life-time dream being crushed.

"We want an absolutely fair playing field; getting the rubbish out of the water," Andy Hunt, the CEO of World Sailing—the sport's governing body—told The Associated Press. "We don't want to have any stories of sailors with plastic bags, or whatever it might be that in any way impacts performance."

Hunt met in Rio on Monday and Tuesday with city, state, and Olympic organizing committee officials, pushing for what amounts to a superficial cleanup of Guanabara Bay.

Rio state officials have acknowledged a real cleanup of Guanabara will take 20 years— organizers promised to do it for the Olympics—with the city still pouring at least half of its untreated sewage into its surrounding waters, including Guanabara.

The massive bay is about 30 kilometers (20 miles) long and almost as wide in places.

An independent study by The Associated Press has shown high levels of viruses and sometimes bacteria from human sewage in the waters where hundreds of sailors will compete when the Olympics open in 2 1/2 months.

There has been one big improvement so far: the new Marina da Gloria. The new marina building is sparkling, and the water is clearer just months after a new sewage system was installed to stop brown, untreated sludge from being poured into the small harbor.

"The water is cleaner, and there isn't a smell," Hunt said.

At a test event a year ago, sailors complained about the stench, and shot videos of open sewage flows just meters (yards) from where boats were launched.

"We're going in the right direction," Hunt added. "We remain cautiously optimistic. It doesn't mean we're going to take off the pressure."

World Sailing, backed by the World Health Organization and the International Olympic Committee, is not testing the water for viruses. World Sailing says the bacterial levels are below what would be considered dangerous for athletes.

The WHO and IOC argue that viral testing lacks a clear standard for measuring risk, and therefore is not needed.

World Sailing is attacking the problems it can see: spotting and collecting floating rubbish during the Olympic sailing events. Hunt said a helicopter would go up at 6 a.m. every morning and direct 11 rubbish collection boats below where to deploy.

New Mexico is first to sue EPA, mine owners over toxic spill

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—New Mexico on Monday became the first state to sue the federal government and the owners of two mines over the release of 3 million gallons of toxic wastewater from a closed Colorado gold mine, seeking tens of millions of dollars for environmental and economic damage caused by the spill.

The federal lawsuit says the environmental effects of the 2015 spill in which a bright-yellow plume of arsenic, lead and other heavy metals fouled rivers in three Western states were far worse than claimed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

New Mexico wants to be paid back for its immediate response to the disaster and receive funding for long-term monitoring, lost revenue and a marketing campaign to undo the stigma left behind by the Gold King Mine spill.

"The liability is crystal clear. The facts speak for themselves, and EPA for whatever reason is unwilling to resolve this outside of court," New Mexico Environment Secretary Ryan Flynn told The Associated Press.

The lawsuit came days after New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas fired off warning letters to the EPA and the state of Colorado over the response to the spill.

Balderas said it has had a devastating effect on communities, and the federal agency should be held to the same standards it would impose on private interests accused of polluting.

"Remediation and compensation dollars have been far too minimal for these very special agricultural and cultural communities who depend on this precious water source for irrigation and drinking water," Balderas said. "They must be properly compensated and there must be appropriate independent monitoring to prevent future dangers to public health and the economy."

The EPA has a practice of not commenting on pending litigation but reiterated Monday that it takes responsibility for the cleanup and has been working to reimburse states and tribes for costs related to monitoring plans.

The agency also is doing its own monitoring of the Animas and San Juan rivers.

An EPA contractor triggered the spill. The wastewater made its way into the two rivers, setting off a major response by government agencies and private groups.

During the spill, water utilities shut down intake valves and farmers stopped drawing from the rivers as the yellow plume moved downstream.

The EPA said water quality quickly returned to pre-spill levels, but New Mexico officials and others warn about heavy metals collecting in the sediment and getting stirred up each time rain or snowmelt results in runoff.

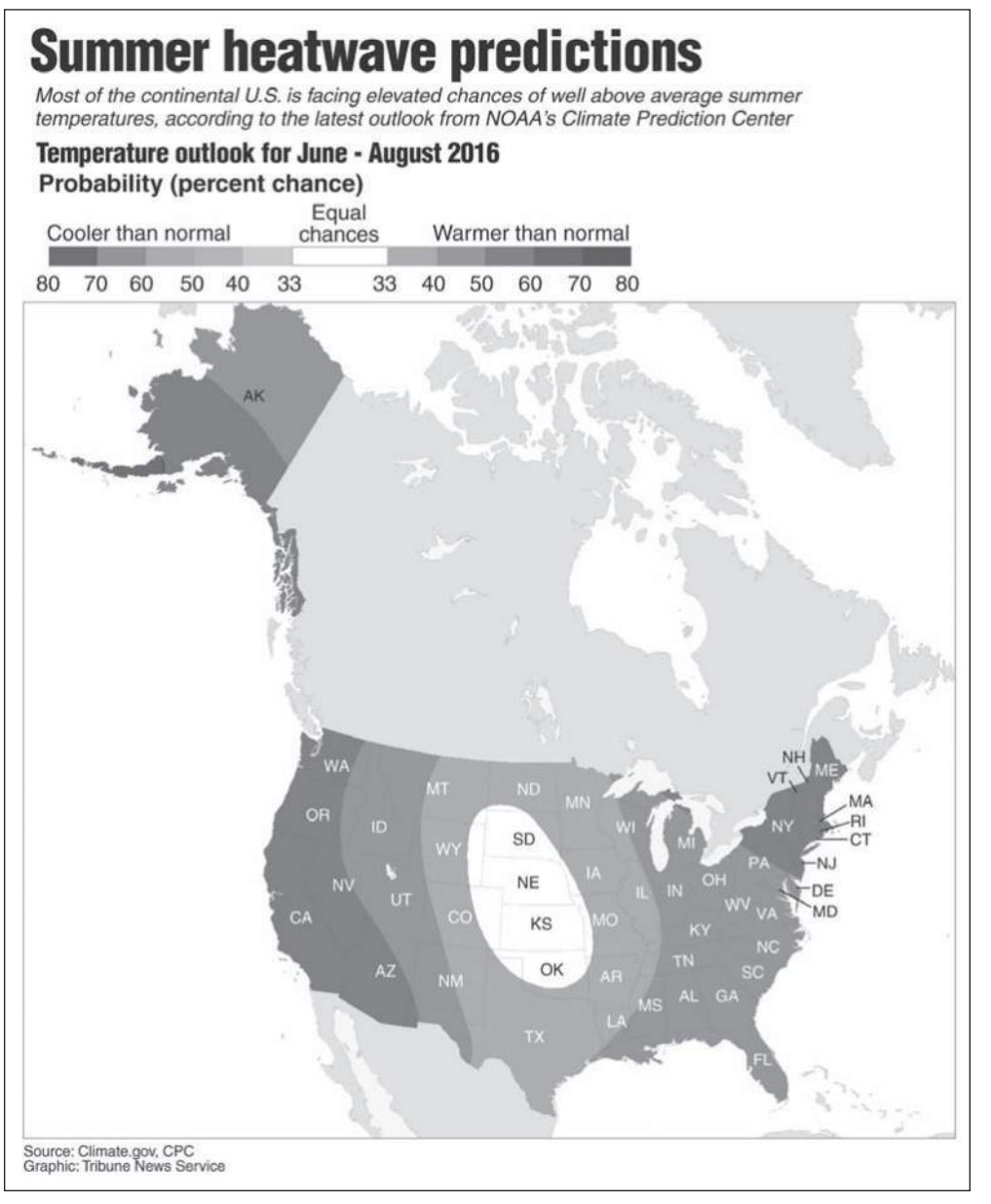
The state Environment Department received numerous calls just last week about the discoloration of the Animas River following a round of storms, Flynn said.

A notice sent this month to the EPA outlined the damage and argued that heavy metals in the Animas and San Juan rivers remain at levels that present unacceptable risks to health and the environment.

Attorneys for New Mexico argue that the spill was preventable and that the EPA had been warned about a potential blowout nearly a year before the incident.

The state also contends its offers to lead a regional long-term monitoring project to better understand the damage and the prospects of future contamination have been repeatedly rebuffed by the EPA.

The agency offered $2 million to states and tribes affected by the spill for monitoring, but New Mexico officials say that's only a fraction of the more than $6 million that would be needed for adequate monitoring in the state.



IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

†Benjamin Joseph Salas Delos Reyes

Lovingly Known as "Ben"

January 21, 1963 - May 19, 2016

In his new life he now joins his:

Father: †Vicente Pangelinan Delos Reyes
Paternal Grandfather: †Pedro C. Delos Santos
†Pablo V. Delos Reyes
Paternal Grandmother: †Josepha P. Delos Santos
Maternal Grandfather: †Juan R. Salas
Maternal Grandmother: †Carmen T. Salas
Brothers In-Law: †Francisco C. Aldan
†Jesus A. Sasamoto
Sisters In-Law: †Eleanor B. Delos Reyes
†Genevieve T. Farañal
Grand Nephew: †Manuel Juan D. Delos Reyes

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: **Ana Lisa Farañal Delos Reyes**
Mother: Maria Taitano Salas Delos Reyes
Parents In-Law: Saturnino Novilla Farañal
Estela Tactaquin Farañal

Children and Grand Children:

Lonny Ann DLR. & Jonathan Joe N. Aguon (Shania Jean)
Kimberly DLR. & Cristin S.Duenas, Jr.
Sharon DLR. & Edward Joseph B. Dela Cruz
Sheryl S. DLR. & Michael Vincent A. Concepcion
(Damien Michael and Jaden Vincent)
Crystal An F. Delos Reyes

Brothers, Sisters & Spouses

Bernadita DLR. Aldan
Julia DLR. Sasamoto
Pedro S. & Carmelita B. Delos Reyes
Agnes DLR. & Jesus A. Mendiola
Juan S. & Dalisay O. Delos Reyes
Diana Delos Reyes Kaluu
Barbara DLR. & Beltram L. Aguon
Paul Anthony S. & Esther B. Delos Reyes
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Lilia T. Farañal
Levie T. & Emirose L. Farañal
Marlon T. Farañal
Fernan T. & Rodalyn Farañal
Johnny T. & Jocelyn S. Farañal

He is also survived by Sonia Saranglao Delos Reyes

He will also be missed by numerous uncles, aunties, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Daily Mass of Intentions is being celebrated at San Vicente Church each evening at 6:00 pm followed by Holy Rosary. On Wednesday, May 25th, Mass will be celebrated at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Rosary Oratory in Dandan at 6:00 pm followed by Holy Rosary.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, May 27, 2016. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 8:30 am to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral. Responso Service and Holy Rosary will take place upon arrival of remains.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am followed by Interment Service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Please join us in prayers.

Thank you – Si Yu'us Ma'ase - Maraming Salamat Po

The Family

Life & Style

The Avengers heed call to visit teen battling cancer

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP)—Each night, 18-year-old Ryan Wilcox sleeps under a portrait of himself dressed as Captain America—the pinnacle of human strength and endurance.

The Marvel Comics fan knows a thing or two about those heroic attributes. He is battling cancer for a second time in his life, and so when he recently received some disappointing news about his prognosis, his schoolmates rallied and called in the Avengers.

On Monday, the 70-pound teen answered his front door and was shocked at what he saw: Iron Man Robert Downey Jr. and Captain America Chris Evans had not only put aside their differences on how to save the world, they had teamed up with "Iron Man" star Gwyneth Paltrow to carry out a mission to lift Wilcox's spirits.

"Hey what's up buddy?" Evans is heard as Wilcox shakes his head, doing a double take in a video taken by Paltrow outside his home in the San Diego suburb of El Cajon. "We were in the neighborhood and thought we'd cruise by."

"Hey guys," says Wilcox, wearing a T-shirt featuring Captain America's shield.

AP

In this Monday, May 23, 2016, photo provided by Amy Wilcox, Captain America Chris Evans talks with Ryan Wilcox during a surprise visit with Wilcox at his home in El Cajon, Calif.

Paltrow, who plays Pepper Potts in the "Iron Man" films, hugged Wilcox's mom, as the other two stars plopped down on the carpeted living room floor. The celebrities spent an hour at the home, conversing with the teenager, like they were old friends, his mom, Amy Wilcox, said.

"She told me this is a gift from one mom to another mom," Amy Wilcox said. "She knew how happy it would be for me to see Ryan so happy."

Wearing a blue "Stark" hat with Downey's autograph on the bill, Wilcox was still reveling Tuesday in what he described as the best day of his life. He joked how his home was worth a billion dollars now and promised to preserve his game chair, where Downey sat at one point.

"It was really cool hanging out with them. That really picked me up," said Wilcox, his voice barely above a whisper. "I'm going to get through this."

Captain America has been a symbol of strength for Wilcox. The film series has kept him going, keeping him distracted as he has undergone chemotherapy and bone marrow treatments during numerous hospital visits.

Wilcox was diagnosed with a rare blood cancer at the age of 16. His mother said the cancer may be the result of chemotherapy treatments he underwent to fight a brain tumor at the age of three.

In February 2015, he had to leave school because his immune system was too weak. He had a bone marrow transplant from his 14-year-old sister in April of that year, but he later had a relapse. Last month, the family was told the treatments are not working so far and his disease is progressing, his mother said.

"Ryan is fighting every single day," she said.

Bill Cosby is ordered to stand trial in sex case

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP)—She called him "Mr. Cosby" and considered him a trusted friend and mentor.

But 20 minutes after Bill Cosby offered her three blue pills and told her to take them with the wine he had set out, Andrea Constand's legs began to wobble "like jelly," her eyes went blurry and her head began to throb.

Cosby helped her to a couch in his living room, where she later realized he violated her as she lay helplessly in a stupor, she told police in 2005.

On Tuesday, a judge ordered the 78-year-old Cosby to stand trial on sexual assault charges on the strength of Constand's decade-old police statement, sparing the former Temple University employee the need to testify at the preliminary hearing.

Cosby could get 10 years in prison if convicted in the case, the only criminal charges brought against the comedian out of the barrage of allegations that he drugged and molested dozens of women over five decades. He is free on $1 million bail.

A trial date was not immediately set.

Cosby, looking less frail than he did when he was arrested five months ago, seemed unfazed by District Judge Elizabeth McHugh's decision.

"Mr. Cosby is not guilty of any crime, and not one single fact presented by the commonwealth rebuts this truth," his lawyers said in a statement afterward.

AP

Bill Cosby waves as he arrives at the Montgomery County Courthouse for a preliminary hearing, Tuesday, May 24, 2016, in Norristown, Pa.

Prince estate claimants object to undergoing genetic testing

CHASKA, Minn. (AP)—Two people claiming to be heirs of Prince's estate are objecting to having to take blood and genetic tests to prove their relationship to the musician.

Brianna Nelson and Jeannine Halloran, on behalf of her minor daughter, have filed estate claims in Carver County District Court. Late Monday, they filed an objection to a judge's order giving a special administrator the power to require physical testing of such claims.

Nelson says her father was Prince's half brother, Duane Nelson Sr., making her Prince's niece. Halloran says her minor daughter, V.N., was Duane Nelson's granddaughter, making her Prince's grandniece.

Their joint filing says they have offered proof of their relationships to Duane Nelson and of Duane Nelson's relationship to Prince, and that this satisfies Minnesota law for presumption of paternity.

Mom objects when kids are made to pay for roughhousing

DEAR ABBY: We visit my in-laws two or three times a year. During our most recent visit, my kids (ages 12 and 14) were roughhousing with their cousins and accidentally slammed a door, which resulted in a broken frame. Their grandpa had asked them to stop, which they apparently didn't do.

Now, three months later, my in-laws are visiting us, and my mother-in-law is having the kids pay for the frame. When I spoke up and let her know I thought this was inappropriate, she became very upset and said, "Kids these days don't have any consequences," and this is what she and the kids had agreed should happen. I emphasized in front of the kids how important it is to listen, to be accountable for your actions and to see what they could've done to make it up to her.

I'm just not comfortable with her still holding onto this and expecting them to pay for the frame. It seems to me that a conversation about respect and listening is plenty appropriate but, after that, shouldn't my mother-in-law have gracefully let it go? These kids, by the way, get excellent school reports, play instruments and sports, and are considered by most people to be great kids.

Was I wrong to express my opinion that having the kids pay her is inappropriate? If it wasn't, then maybe we shouldn't visit at her home, since it's filled with breakable valuables. I am very frustrated by my controlling mother-in-law.

UPSET IN MORRO BAY

DEAR UPSET: Your "great kids" ignored their grandfather when he asked them to quit roughhousing, and the result was significant property damage. If they had agreed with their grandmother that there would be restitution —I assume the same was true of their cousins—you were wrong to interfere. That you would do this in the presence of your kids was a mistake.

I agree with your mother-in-law that one of the problems in our society today is the lack of accountability or consequences when people do something wrong. I applaud her for sticking to her guns, and you owe her an apology.

DEAR ABBY: I am going to my girlfriend's mother's 60th birthday party. I just found out that her younger sister is pregnant —unbeknownst to her parents— and she plans to surprise them the next day on their mom's actual birthdate. The little sister has asked that we not drink at the dinner because she doesn't want to feel left out. This caused an argument between me and my girlfriend because I think her request is silly and kind of selfish.

Is there a rule of etiquette about this? Isn't it weird that someone would ask that you not drink a couple of beers or a glass of wine at a birthday dinner? If I'm on a diet, I don't ask people to eat only salad or to order less around me. I think she should make a "headache/not feeling well" excuse rather than try to limit/control the fun of others.

SOCIAL DRINKER

DEAR SOCIAL DRINKER: No rule of etiquette covers this. I agree that you shouldn't have to abstain at the celebration if you prefer to indulge. However, the decision should be voluntary and not imposed upon you. Your girlfriend may prefer not to have alcohol that night to support her sister, but that doesn't mean you must.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

WELL LOOK SOMEBODY LEFT A STUFFED TIGER OUT IN THE FIELD. HOW STRANGE.
LOOKS LIKE A DOG'S BEEN CHEWING ON YOU, FELLA.
WELL, NOTHING A LITTLE TEA PARTY WITH SOME OTHER STUFFED ANIMALS WOULDN'T HELP. C'MON.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

HERE ARE THE RADISH SEEDS.
WAIT... RADISHES?
WHO EATS RADISHES? DO YOU? I MEAN, MAYBE I ATE ONE BY MISTAKE ONCE. MAYBE??
THEY'RE WORSE THAN WATER CHESTNUTS! THEY'RE LIKE EDIBLE PACKING PEANUTS!
PLANT THE SEEDS, ADAM.
BOY OH BOY! THIS'LL REALLY CUT DOWN ON OUR ENORMOUS RADISH BILLS THIS YEAR!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

I'M THINKING ABOUT COSMETIC SURGERY.
IF IT DIDN'T COST SO MUCH, I'D HAVE MY NOSE MADE SMALLER.
IT'D PROBABLY BE LESS EXPENSIVE TO HAVE YOUR HEAD MADE BIGGER.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Hunger indicator
5 Moving vehicle
8 "Let's go!"
12 Margarine
13 Post-op area
14 Jolly laugh
15 Long ride?
16 Homer's neighbor
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9 Twilight event
10 Discovery call
11 — de plume
19 Gloomy guy
21 Motor homes
23 Gantry of fiction
24 Film genre
25 Tolkien creatures
26 Men-only
27 In — (lined up)
28 Road marker
32 Didactic
33 "Atlas Shrugged" author
35 Den sets
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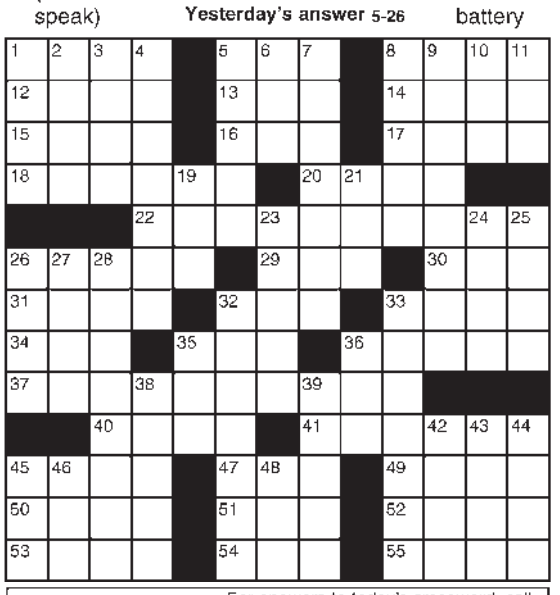
Solution time: 25 mins.

Yesterday's answer 5-26



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Helena Bonham Carter, 50; Lenny Kravitz, 52; Pam Grier, 67; Stevie Nicks, 68.

Happy Birthday: Your options are growing, and the chance to get ahead looks promising. A highly energetic, no-nonsense approach will ensure your success and put you in a good position when it comes to building your assets. Responsibility and taking care of business may be time-consuming, but they will bring you the best long-term results. Romance is on the rise. Your numbers are 2, 8, 17, 27, 35, 41, 46.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Uncertainty must not be allowed to stop you from making a professional move. Ask questions and negotiate on your own behalf. It's how you handle matters that will allow you to advance. Use your charm and experience to get ahead. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Take a business trip or take part in an event that offers valuable information, and it will lead to an adventure that looks promising. Don't fear the unknown. Delve in and find out what you need to know to move forward. ✪✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Keep your perspective. The information you are given isn't likely to be solid. Ask questions and research the possibilities. Before agreeing to a scheme, consider what will bring you the highest return. Invest in yourself. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): If you need to be coaxed, ask yourself why. Don't sign up for something that doesn't interest you. Question your motives and make sure you aren't trying to impress someone you don't belong with. Associate with the people who share your interests. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't let an old love confuse you. If you are torn between the past and the present, do something that will take your mind off your concerns. Once you distance yourself, you will find it easier to make a choice. Focus inward. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You'll have to duck and dodge as you maneuver your way through the day. Use your intelligence and fortitude over making choices based on what others do or say. Give your all to something you feel strongly about. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Show off your competitive side. You don't always have to bend to others. Use your intelligence, charm and ability to express what you want in order to bring about positive personal changes at home and within your important relationships. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Refuse to let your emotions take over. Set your sights on something creative that will take you on a personal adventure and steer you away from trouble. Develop and pursue your dreams, and avoid unnecessary spending. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Liven things up and you will attract attention and bring about positive changes. You don't have to venture far to get things going. The less time spent traveling or dealing with institutions or authority figures, the better. Romance is featured. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Make your own deals. Don't leave personal matters in the hands of others. It's up to you to size up situations and voice your opinion. A positive change at home will help you cut overhead. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Concentrate on what's important to you. Home, family, elders and children will all play an important role in your life when it comes to the decisions you make. Change can be good if you go about it the right way. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Stick close to home and avoid any altercations with people who could make your life difficult. Plan your day strategically and execute your plans with precision. There is no room for error. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You have stamina, integrity and pizzazz. You are independent and responsible.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/26

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

KAMRA INLAY IMPLANTS Solution: 10 letters

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Aquaville Inc. need:
(1) Sales Advertising Agent
Must have 3 years experience

Contact No. 323-2916

WHATZIT Solution:
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

2 Mechanic
with 2-3 years experience
willing to work on flexible hours.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Front Desk Agent (Japanese Market)
Salary : $6.05 to $8.00
High School Diploma or equivalent. Have at least three months to one year of related work experienced. Knowledge of principle and processes for providing excellent personal and customer service skills. including handling large group of arrivals. Excellent interpersonal skills with a positive attitude, professional, neat and well groomed at all times. Must be able to speak and understand English and preferably fluent in Japanese language. Computer proficiency and email communication. Knowledge in any Hotel/Golf System software is a plus.

Maintenance Supervisor
Salary : $7.00 to $8.55
Engineering Degree or related course is an asset. At least three years of work related experienced. Knowledge in selecting, maintaining and monitoring daily operations of power plant, generators, water pumps, plumbing, electrical, welding, heating, cooling, ventilation, furnishing, fixtures, painting, carpentry, troubleshooting, and mechanical equipment. Must be able to work under the sun, can stand for prolonged period of time. Computer literate, and possess email communication skills. Knowledge in all safety and hazardous standard. Has the ability to be extent flexibility that include bending, twisting, and lifting at least 50lbs. Knowledge of diesel and gasoline equipment operations. Highly qualified in supervising subordinates and possess leadership.

Golf Course Starter
Salary: $6.05 to $7.00
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least few months of related work experienced. Knowledge of principle and processes for providing excellent personal and guest service skills. Be able to speak other language but not required. Must be able to work under the sun. Be able to stand prolonged period of time and capable of lifting at least 50lbs. Must be able to acquire driver's license. Possess knowledgeable in the rules of golf game.

Bartender
Salary: $6.05 to $8.00
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least one year experienced working as a Bartender. Knowledge in different variety of cocktail, tropical, alcoholic or non-alcohol drinks. Must be able to create and possess broad ideas for mixing, creating and serving drinks. Excellent interpersonal skills with a positive attitude, professional, neat and well groomed at all times. A "People Person", acquired hospitality related program and speaking additional languages preferred but not required. Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services including handling large group of customers. Be able to stand for prolonged period of time. Able to obtain Food Handler Certification

Suwaso Corporation would like to invite all qualified US workers to send/submit their resume/application form to HR.COGR@eland.co.kr not later than May 31, 2016 at 4:00 PM. All qualified applicants must be willing to work in flexible shifts, days, evenings, weekend and holidays and be able to stand for prolonged period of time. Provide at least two recommendations letter and proof of certification for the position, if needed. Application form is available in the hotel lobby and HR Office. Incomplete application may not be considered for assessment. Fill up the form completely prior submission. No phone calls please.

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Atkins Kroll (Saipan), Inc.
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Assistant Aftersales Manager

Opening: **May 25, 2016** Closing: **June 8, 2016**

Atkins Kroll Inc. is looking for a professional who will be responsible to assist and manage the Aftersales (Parts & Service) team operations. He or she must be able to run an efficient and profitable department through productive staffing, customer retention, cost controls, and achievement of objectives. The Assistant Aftersales Manager will also be responsible to ensures that the daily inventory of technician's time is consistently sold to service customers; monitor part procedures, inventory control, while contributing to an amazing customer experience.

Qualifications:
- Minimum 3 years Parts & Service Management experience.
- Degree in Automotive Technology, or equivalent experience
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
WINCHELL'S DONUTS

1 vacancy for **Operations Manager**. Wage per hour depends on qualifications. Must be college level with at least 5 years of continued experience in managing a bakery or similar operations; must be capable of managing 15 or more people and more than one store; must be computer literate and possesses knowledge in operating cash register or POS system; must have an experience in handling the administrative and financial aspect of a business. Capability of conversing in basic Japanese or other foreign languages is highly preferred.

1 vacancy for **Store Manager**. Wage per hour depends on qualifications. Must be college level and has at least 2 years of continued experience in managing bakery operations; must have knowledge in operating cash register or POS system; must be customer-service oriented, computer literate and confident in doing basic mathematical skills. Capability of conversing in basic Japanese or other foreign languages is highly preferred.

4 vacancies for **Donut Makers/Bakers**. Wage ranges from $6.05/hr to $6.50/hr. Must be a high school graduate with a few months to 1 year experience in baking; must be able to read, write and speak basic English; must be capable of lifting at least 50lbs and has basic mathematical skills and knowledge in operating a cash register or POS system. Capability of conversing in basic Japanese and other foreign languages is highly preferred.

Additional requirements: All applicants must be of good health with good moral character. Must be able to follow grooming standards; provide current police/court clearance and health certificate. Must have reliable transportation and willing to undergo drug test.

Please email your resume to jobapplicant2014@gmail.com or drop them to Winchell's Garapan

JVA for YANO Enterprises, Inc.
Dba: Kinpachi Restaurant

Yano Enterprises, Inc.:

Assistant Manager (1): Be able to assist the general manager in the supervision of business establishment to ensure the restaurant & stores efficiency & profitable operations; work closely with the personnel in preparation & processing of reservations, greets & answers customers inquiry, patrons complaints & resolve problems. Prepare advertising campaigns of the restaurant & stores to attract customers. Assist in doing daily inventory of foods, merchandise and assets of the business. Duties include but are not limited to delegating authority & assigning responsibilities, reviewing financial transactions & monitoring budget limitations, & be able to present written & oral reports on the company's financial & operational status. Must have Japanese oral skills & knowledge of Japanese food products.

Restaurant Supervisor (3): Must be qualified in restaurant operations, customer service, menu planning, & reservation operations. Must be responsible for the supervision of staff as to dining areas cleanliness in appearance & outside grounds. Ensure any customers issues are addressed immediately and resolved in a manner which exceeds the customer's expectation. Also need to have basic Japanese oral skills. Must have an extensive knowledge of Japanese food products & be able to make orders & preparations.

Accountant (2): Must be efficient in handling financial records, statements, & reports. Have knowledge on all Taxes computation & filing. Must be able to budget & estimate purchasing costs & requisitions of merchandise necessary in the company.

Restaurant Waitress (4): Greeting Customers. Must be able to speak basic Japanese & efficient English & have a friendly & outgoing personality. Should be knowledgeable of the restaurant dishes, familiar with the entire menu the establishment offers. Can introduce & recommend daily specials as well as the restaurant's regular menu items. Continued services after the meal have been served and accept payments & other duties related.

Cook (8): Must be experienced & skilled in preparing Japanese cuisine including but not limited to sushi, sashimi, & tempura. Can prepare all menu items according to quantity menus, must know cutting and preparation techniques for each type of fish used in sushi rolls as well as how to prepare rice, sauces and seasonal ingredients, must ensure that ingredients are fresh, colorful and always in stock, that the all-important knives are sharp and clean, and that all equipment is in working order. Must be able to maintain kitchen & observe safety & sanitary food handling practices as well as other related duties.

General Maintenance (3): Must have a valid CNMI driver's license and flexible in work hours. Duties may involve skills in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting, landscape or maintain grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. Can typically perform variety of task such as sod laying, mowing, trimming, planting, watering, fertilizing, digging, raking and installing, repairing buildings, floors or stairs.

Additional Requirements: All applicants must be of good health and have a good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to obtain required food handler health certificate, must be able to provide current police clearance, with reliable transportation and must agree to drug test. Can work in flexible hours including weekends and night time.

Applicants of positions listed above except Restaurant Waitress (3 months work experience) are required to have a minimum of 2 - 4 year experience. Applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant in Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan.

We are an equal opportunity employer. Qualified applicants will be considered.
Interested applicants must apply in person, applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant in Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan.
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Job Vacancy Announcement

Refrigerator and A/C Technician (1)
Must be a high school diploma with a minimum of five (5) years' experience. Must know how to Installs and repairs air conditioners, heaters and refrigerators in residences and businesses.
Monitor and fix various aspects of such household appliances with tools specific to the trade, and often need to install attachments, such as hoses or electrical wiring.

Building Maintenance Repairer (4)
Must be a high school diploma with a minimum of five (5) years' experience. Inspect, maintain, repair, and replace building mechanical and electrical systems. Know how to work and access control systems, building heating and refrigeration systems, fire detection and protection systems, and other building mechanical and electrical systems.

Commercial Cleaner (3)
Must be a high school diploma or vocational graduate with a minimum of three (3) years' experience. Able to clean offices, residential complexes, hospitals, schools, industrial work areas, industrial machines, construction sites and other commercial premises using heavy duty cleaning equipment.

The above positions must be able to work flexible time.
Interested applicants may e-mail their resume at ynadjoy@yahoo.com.
No phone calls.
Deadline to submit applications will be on Monday, May 30, 2016.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
Must be college graduate with at least 4 years experience in communication business. Proficient in verbal and written communication skills. Computer literate and expertise in Microsoft office applications

ACCOUNTANT
Must be college graduate with degree in Accounting or Business Administration and has minimum of 5 to 7 years experience in communication business. Computer literate, expertise in Microsoft office applications and accounting softwares. Knowledge in preparation of financial reports, tax, budget, forecast, billings. Proficient in verbal and written communication.

SALES MANAGER
Must be college graduate has minimum of 5 years experience in communication business. Must have the knowledge in managing daily business operation, handling the administrative, sales and treasury. Proficient in verbal and written communication skills. Computer literate and expertise in Microsoft office applications

(4) ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN
Must have at least 5 years work experience in communication business. Knowledge and expertise in programming and repair of iDen communication handsets. Must have experience in working on telecommunications field equipment and structures. Computer literate and must have good communication skills.

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Vacancy Announcement

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Vacancy Announcement

(2)Trash Collector

Atleast High School graduate. With valid driver's license. Needs to be physically fit and willing to work flexible time and must be hardworking.

Submit Applications To:
AYD Services Inc. Tel.# 235-7011

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1 Baker • 1 Accounting Associates
1 Purchaser • 2 Cook • 1 Server
with 2-3 years experience
willing to work on flexible hours.

Please send resume to JNJ CORPORATION
PMB 114 Box 10002, Saipan MP 96950

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Blue Star Corporation need:

(1) Tour Coordinator
Can speak Korean and English
Must have 3 years experience

Contact No. 323-1259

Liang's Limited Corporation

Job Vacancy Announcement

2 - Cook. Must be familiar with Chinese cuisine. Able to speak Chinese language preferred. 3 years experience required.

Interested applicants please send resume to liansmile@yahoo.com or call 670-989-4676

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1 Accountant
2 Mechanic
with 2-3 years experience
willing to work on flexible hours.

Please send resume to
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PMB 2153 Box 10002, Saipan MP 96950

WESTERN SALES TRADING COMPANY

has openings for:

One (1) Sales Manager
Minimum qualifications: Two year vocational degree (may be foreign equivalent); two years experience in sales and marketing, and able to read, write and speak Japanese sufficiently to negotiate contracts and communicate with Japanese speaking customers.
Duties: Work with corporate officers in planning, formulating and establishing a business plan and sales strategy to attain company's sales goals and objectives. Manage and direct activities of sales personnel and ensure that company's sales techniques and price guidelines are being followed. Establish and maintain business relationships with customers and negotiate sales contracts. Resolve any customer concerns or complaints regarding sales and service. Maintain records of all sales activities; monitor customer preferences to determine focus of sales efforts; and analyze pricing points and volume in order to make necessary modifications in sales strategy to improve wholesale sales and keep the company competitive. Plan and direct promotional activities and opportunities for expansion of company's product lines and market areas.

Two (2) Sales and Marketing Representative
Minimum qualifications: Associate's degree (may be foreign and/or educational equivalent) and two years experience in job offered, as a sales representative or marketing representative.
Duties: Sells and markets company's merchandise to retail stores and outlets. Contacts regular and prospective customers to explain and promote the quality and competitive costing of the company's products. Displays and/or demonstrates products and suggests products that meet customers' needs. Quotes prices and credit terms for purchase of company's products. Prepares sales slips or sales contracts. May sign purchase orders, and collect payment from customers. Ensures that customers' orders are properly filled. Arranges for delivery of products to customers. Assists Sales Manager in identifying prospective customers, monitoring market conditions and monitoring competitors' products and prices.

One (1) Sales Representative
Minimum qualifications: Associates degree (may be foreign and/or educational equivalent).
Duties: Sells company's merchandise to retail stores and outlets. Meets with customers in order to explain and promote the quality and competitive costing of the company's products. Quotes prices and credit terms for purchase of company's products. Prepares sales slips or sales contracts and may collect payment from customers. Ensures that customers' orders are properly filled. Arranges for delivery of products to customers.

One (1) Computer Technician
Minimum Qualifications: Associate's degree in computer technology, science or programming or two-year course in computer technology, science or programming (may be foreign equivalent) and two years experience as computer technician or computer programmer.
Duties: Modify and customize commercial computer software programs for the company's internal needs for its sales, accounting, inventory marketing and other management information. Oversee the daily operations of the company's computer systems. Enter commands and observe system functioning to verify correct operations and detect errors. Install and perform minor repairs to hardware, software or peripheral equipment, following design or installation specifications. Answer employee questions regarding computer software and hardware operations and resolve problems. Make recommendations to management regarding suggested changes improve or upgrade computer system.

One (1) Graphic Artist
Minimum qualifications: Four years experience as a graphic artist for wholesale company with a minimum of 550 sales items.
Duties: Designs and creates visual products to meet company's promotional needs, including designing and creating promotional displays and marketing brochures, signs and signage systems, packaging, menus, and other visual products. Formulates visual marketing campaign and overall design concepts for company to reach target markets. Applies critical thinking and problem solving analysis to various design concepts and approaches that can be utilized to attain the desired effect on the target market. Creates innovative design solutions utilizing knowledge of graphic design theory and methodologies in conjunction with current cultural trends, market demographics, cultural preferences, and seasonal shifts to achieve optimum market response. Produces and coordinates the execution of mock-up and final graphic design and artwork for the visual products.

One (1) Building Maintenance Repairer
Minimum qualifications: Two years experience as building maintenance repairer.
Duties: Repairs and maintains the building structures and equipment of the company's commercial and industrial premises, including such duties as pipe fitting, insulating, welding, machining, carpentry; repairing electrical or mechanical equipment; installing, aligning, and balancing new equipment; and repairing buildings. Performs routine preventive maintenance to ensure that machines continue to run smoothly, building systems operate efficiently, or the physical condition of buildings does not deteriorate. Inspects, operates, or tests machinery or equipment to diagnose machine malfunctions. Assembles, installs, or repairs wiring, electrical or electronic components, pipe systems, plumbing, machinery, or equipment. Repairs or replaces defective equipment parts, using hand tools and power tools, and reassembles equipment. Records type and cost of maintenance or repair work.

One (1) Building Custodian
Minimum qualifications: Three months experience as building custodian or maintenance worker.
Duties: Keeps buildings and business premises in clean and orderly condition. Performs cleaning duties, such as cleaning floors, washing walls and glass, and removing rubbish from inside and outside of business premises. Performs routine maintenance activities and notifies management of need for repairs. Requisition supplies or equipment needed for cleaning and maintenance duties.

If interested, send resume to Western Sales Trading Company by email to bello.lumintegar@yahoo.com or by fax at 670-322-9408. Proof of qualifications and police clearance required within three days of hire.

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Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 5 years work-related experience in insurance financial management and payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivable, payable, and payroll management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, Geniisys and MS Word and Excel software. Payroll accountant must possess experience in electronic processing of timesheets, allotments, and standard and government deductions. Must be able to work under time pressure and flexible hours.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Century Insurance Company Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Tuesday, June 7, 2016.

Century Insurance Company Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

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Job Opening:

Administrative Assistant (1) $6.55- $7.50/hr.
Must be a high school graduate or college level with 2-5 years experience as an administrative assistant. Knowledge of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as word processing, managing files and records, stenography and transcription, designing forms, and other office procedures and terminology.Perform general office duties, such as ordering supplies, maintaining records management database systems, and performing basic bookkeeping work. Know how to drive vehicle.

Accounting Technician (2) $6.55-7.50/hr.
Must be B.S. Accounting graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as an Accounting Technician. Must know how to prepare all CNMI taxes and licenses.Capable of performing combines routine calculations, posting and verifying duties to obtain primary financial data to maintain accounting records, filing or organize company documents.

Carpenter (5) minimum $6.55 -6.60/hr.
Must be a high school graduate with minimum 5 years experience as a Carpenter, With knowledge how to construct, erect, install, or repair structures and fixtures made of wood, such as concrete forms; building frameworks, including partitions, joists, studding, and rafters; and wood stairways, window and door frames, and hardwood floors.

Civil Engineering Technicians (1) $6.55-7.00/hour
Must be a college graduate with minimum of 2- years experience as a Civil Engineering Technician with knowledge how to apply Theory and Principles of Civil Engineering in planning, designing and overseeing construction, structure maintenance and facilities under the directions of engineering staff or physical scientists.

Construction Manager (1) $10.00-13.87/hour
Must be a college graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as a Construction Manager. Know how to plan, direct or coordinate, usually through subordinate supervisory personnel, activities concerned with the construction and maintenance of structures, facilities, and systems.

Electrician (2) $6.55 - $7.15/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years experience as Electrician. With knowledge on how to install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Able to install or service street lights, intercom systems, or electrical control systems.

Heavy Equipment Mechanic (1) $6.55 - $7.00/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 5 years experience as Heavy Equipment Mechanic. With knowledge how to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automobiles, hydraulic, and pneumatic equipment, such as cranes, bulldozers, graders, excavators, trucks and conveyors, typically used in constructions.

Heavy Equipment Operator (20) $6.55 - $7.00/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years' experience as HE Operator. With knowledge how to operate several types of power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, trenching machine, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concretes and etc.

Mason (1) minimum $6.55 -6.60/hr.
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 3 years experience as Mason. With knowledge how to do smooth and finish surfaces of poured concrete, such as floors, walks, sidewalks, roads, or curbs using a variety of hand and power tools. Align forms for sidewalks.

Truck Driver (1) $6.55 - $7.45/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2-5 years experiences as a Truck Driver with knowledge on how to drive a Tractor Trailer or Trucks that has a capacity of at least 26,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight(GVW) for various construction materials transportation.

Interested applicants may apply at Apex Builder's Inc. office located at As Perdido, Saipan, CNMI. A copy of police clearance must be attached to the application. Incomplete application will NOT be accepted. Skills, testing maybe required.
Apex Builder's Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Run Date: May 26, 27, 30, 31 and June 01, 2016
Closing date will be on June 02, 2016.

TINIAN FUEL SERVICES, INC

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Open Date: May 24, 2016 • Close Date: May 30, 2016

Position : (1) Maintenance Technician
Salary : $1,500 per month
Qualification : High School Diploma or Vocational (3) yrs experience
Link : http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/49-9071.00

Position : (1) Housekeeper
Salary : $6.05 - $6.55 per hour
Qualification : High School Diploma (3) yrs experience
Link : http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/37-2012.00

Fax resume to (670) 433-4329 on or before May 30, 2016.

JAE HOON CORPORATON D.B.A. PACIFIC GROCERS

has openings for:

One (1) General Manager
Minimum qualifications: Three years experience as a general manager for wholesale company with a minimum of 2,500 sales items and ability to read, write and speak Korean sufficiently to negotiate contracts and communicate with Korean speaking customers.
Duties: Manages and directs the company's overall wholesale food operations in Saipan as well as with Korean suppliers. Works in conjunction with company's corporate officers in planning, formulating, and establishing long-term and short-term objectives and goals as well as its marketing and operational policies and procedures. Manages and oversees the day-to-day sales, business, and administrative functions of the company. Manages and directs the company's marketing and sales activities, including implementation of the company's sales policies and marketing strategies; monitors overall sales activities and conformance with sales parameters; and oversees contractual arrangements and import/export financing requirements. Establishes and maintains customer relationships with existing clients and negotiates sales contracts with major customers. Directs and oversees expansion into new product lines and market areas. Exercises discretionary authority over the company's operations and personnel.

One (1) Operations Manager
Minimum qualifications: Three years experience as an operations for wholesale company with a minimum of 2,500 sales items.
Duties: Assists General Manager in managing and directing the company's operations in order to assure operational efficiency and identifies and resolves operational deficiencies. Manages the stock and inventory requirements based on sales orders, inventory, projected volume of sales, and current condition of economy. Supervises the purchase and procurement of merchandise, including import requirements with freight companies and government agencies. Manages assembly and storing of products by workers, filling of orders, and distribution to customers according to sales orders. Ensures compliance with established security, sales, and recordkeeping procedures and implements operational procedures of the company. Assumes the responsibilities of the General Manager in his absence.

One (1) Bookkeeper
Minimum qualifications: Three years experience as a bookkeeper or accountant for wholesale company with a minimum of 2,500 sales items and working knowledge of Quickbooks and SellWise software.
Duties: Records company's wholesale business transactions and retains all accounting records. Posts, verifies, and reconciles accounts payable, accounts receivable, expenses, payroll, and other ledger accounts. Prepares preliminary financial reports by collecting, analyzing, and summarizing account information. Prepares payroll and payroll taxes and distributions to government. Prepares gross receipts tax returns. Documents business transactions and verifies purchase orders and other financial transactions in order to substantiate the transactions prior to settlement. Prepares cash reconciliation, balances check books, and makes bank deposits.

One (1) Sales Representative
Minimum qualifications: Two years experience as a sales representative for wholesale company with a minimum of 2,500 sales items.
Duties: Sells company's products to retail stores. Meets with customers in order to explain and promote the quality and competitive costing of the company's products. Displays and/or demonstrates products and suggests products that meet customers' needs. Quotes prices and credit terms for purchase of company's products. Prepares sales slips or sales contracts. May sign purchase orders, and collect payment from customers.

One (1) Stocker
Minimum qualifications: One year experience as a stocker or warehouseman for wholesale company with a minimum of 2,500 sales items.
Duties: Receives merchandise and maintains stock records in warehouse. Unloads merchandise from containers and verifies that merchandise received is listed on requisitions and invoices. Stocks merchandise in warehouse, inventories merchandise, and maintains orderliness of merchandise on display and in warehouse. Assists in filling and loading orders for delivery of merchandise to customers.

If interested, send resume to Jae Hoon Corporation d.b.a Pacific Grocers by email to jychris@pacificgrocers.com or by fax at 670-288-1239. Proof of qualifications and police clearance required within three days of hire.

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Thunder push Warriors on brink of elimination

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Suddenly, these Golden State Warriors who have been compared all season to the Chicago Bulls dynasty of the 1990s are on the brink of elimination.

Russell Westbrook had 36 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Warriors 118-94 on Tuesday night to take a 3-1 lead in the Western Conference Finals. Golden State, which won a league record 73 games in the regular season, lost consecutive games for the first time this season.

The Warriors must win Game 5 on Thursday in Oakland to keep their season alive.

"We all have to bounce back," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "The good news is, we go home. Obviously we play well at home. The idea now is to go home and get one win. Do that, and we put some pressure on them and we'll see what happens."

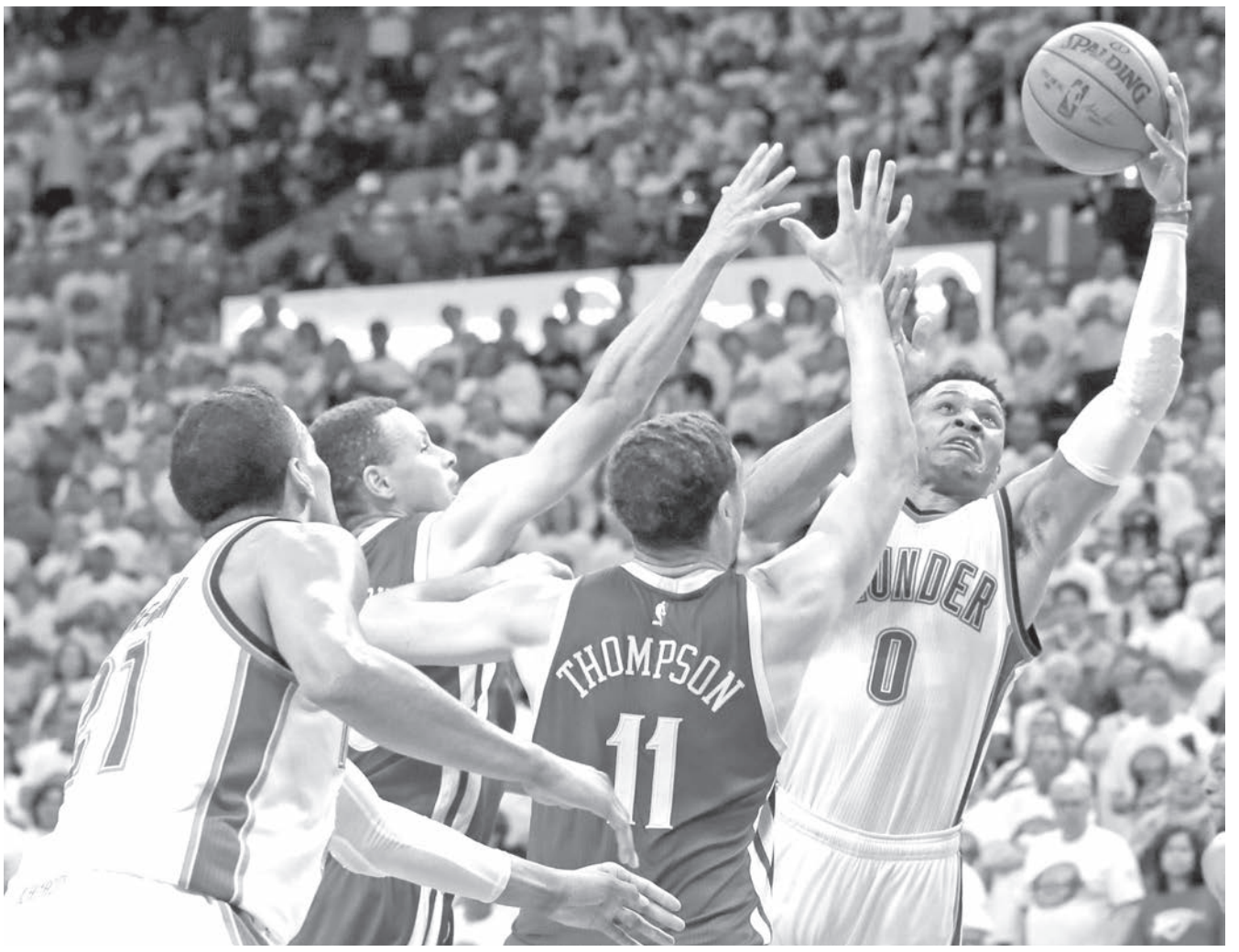
Klay Thompson led Golden State with 26 points, but two-time league MVP Stephen Curry was limited to 19 points on 6-for-20 shooting. Curry's shooting performance was so uncharacteristic that reporters asked if he was hurt.

"He's not injured," Kerr said. "He's coming back from the knee, but he's not injured. He just had a lousy night. It happens, even to the best players in the world."

The Warriors lost consecutive playoff games by at least 20 points for the first time since Games 2 and 3 of the 1972 Western Conference semifinals against the Milwaukee Bucks. Golden State's Draymond Green, who was fined for kicking Steven Adams in the groin in Game 3, finished with six points, 11 rebounds and six turnovers.

Meanwhile, Oklahoma City got a boost from an unlikely source. Andre Roberson, a player the Warriors have ignored at times during the series, scored a career-high 17 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

Kevin Durant added 26 points and 11 rebounds and Serge Ibaka added 17 points and seven rebounds.



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Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) goes after a loose ball against Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) and guard Klay Thompson (11) as guard Andre Roberson (21) looks on during the second half in Game 4 of the NBA basketball Western Conference finals in Oklahoma City, Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

As for Westbrook, it was his first triple-double of the playoffs after posting 18 in the regular season. It was his fifth career playoff triple-double.

"I play every game like it's my last, regardless of who's in front of me," he said. "That's my job, and my job is to worry about my team, and that's all I do."

The Thunder know they have to close. Nine teams have rallied from 3-1 deficits to win.

"I think we're in a good place, but like I said, this game is over," Westbrook said. "We've got to move on to the next game. Every game is different."

The Thunder led 30-26 at the end of the first quarter, then gained control in the second. In the most unlikely of connections, Adams threw a bullet pass to Roberson near the basket for a dunk that gave the Thunder a 56-43 lead with just over four minutes left in the first half.

Oklahoma City finished with a flurry and led 72-53 at halftime. The Thunder matched the most points they have scored in a first half in franchise playoff history, a mark they set the previous game against the Warriors. It also matched the most points Golden State has allowed in a half this season for the second straight game.

Westbrook had 21 points, nine assists and five rebounds in the first half, and Durant had 18 points and six boards.

Thompson tried to keep the Warriors in it, scoring 19 points in just over seven minutes to start the third quarter. But the Thunder maintained their composure, led 94-82 at the end of the period and remained in control in the fourth.

"This is a tough situation to be in, but the series isn't over," Curry said.

Kerr, on the pressure of trying to win a title after setting the regular-season wins record: "We had a tremendous regular season, our guys competed every single night and did something no one has ever done and they're proud of that. But in the playoffs, everybody starts 0-0. So there's no extra pressure, whether you're talking about defending our title or trying to back up the regular season."

Cavaliers lose series lead, invincible aura to Raptors

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio (AP)—Upon their return from Canada, the Cavaliers had nothing to declare at U.S. Customs.

Their lead in the Eastern Conference finals had already been confiscated.

Cleveland was stripped of its dominance and a 2-0 advantage during a long weekend in Toronto, where the growing-confident-by-the-shot Raptors, propelled by a crowd and city that believes they can make the NBA Finals, won two straight games.

"They flipped the script on us," Cavs coach Tyronn Lue said.

After being throttled by a combined 50 points in Games 1 and 2, the Raptors turned a series that began with blowouts into a best-of-3, winner-take-all slugfest. There wasn't supposed to be a Game 5, and now there will be a Game 6 as well.

Unable to contain Toronto All-Star guards Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan from scoring or keep Raptors super sub Bismack Biyombo off the boards, the Cavs have put themselves in a predicament.

Gone is their entire margin for error, some of their swagger and any aura of invincibility that surrounded them after reeling off 10 straight wins to open the postseason.

And as the teams prepared for Game 5 on Wednesday night, the pressure has swung back on superstar LeBron James and the Cavs, who spent Tuesday in film sessions breaking down went wrong during their visit to Toronto.

There was plenty to process from Monday's 105-99 loss.

Cleveland came out flat, falling behind by 16 in the first half and relying too much on its 3-point shooting, which has suddenly gone as cold as a Saskatchewan winter.

The Cavs fought their way back using a smaller lineup that didn't include the suddenly struggling Kevin Love, but they didn't have enough down the stretch as costly defensive lapses - and terrific shot-making by Lowry and DeRozan - helped the Raptors even the series.

No offense to rapper Drake and Toronto's rowdy fans, but Lue was happy to escape "We The North."

"Now it's our chance to come back, get some home cooked meals and have a chance to play in front of our home crowd," he said.

James, who logged 46 minutes in Game 4, did not speak to the media on Tuesday, choosing to stay far from the view of reporters and cameras.

Lue has carefully administered the four-time MVPs minutes during the second half of the regular season and playoffs, hoping to keep James as fresh as possible. James pushed himself harder in Game 4, and Lue said that was the plan.

"We talked about it before the game and the night before how his body felt and wanting to play more minutes because we knew it was a big game for us, but it didn't work out," Lue said.

James maximized his minutes in Game 4, scoring 29 on 11-of-16 shooting with nine rebounds and six assists. But he was somewhat passive in the fourth quarter, attempting just one shot in the final 5:28.

Again, Lue said that was by design as the Cavs took what the Raptors' defense gave them.

"LeBron knows when he has to take over a basketball game, but also knows he has to trust his teammates," Lue said.

Atlanta, Miami, Los Angeles selected to host Super Bowls

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—If you spend billions of dollars to build it, they will come.

Three times over.

The NFL awarded Super Bowls to Atlanta, Miami and Los Angeles, three cities that made significant financial investments in new stadiums or recently upgraded an existing one. Atlanta will host the game in 2019, followed by Miami (2020) and Los Angeles (2021), it was announced Tuesday at the NFL owners meetings.

"I think if they find guys like me that are willing to do it, I think they want to show them that it is worthwhile," Rams owner Stan Kroenke said.

Atlanta will host its third Super Bowl, but the first at its new $1.4 billion stadium which opens in 2017. The previous two were at the Georgia Dome.

Miami will have its record-setting 11th Super Bowl following a $450 million stadium renovation.

Los Angeles, which gets the relocated Rams this season, has not had a Super Bowl in the area since 1993 in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. The game will be played at the new $2.6 billion stadium in Inglewood, California, which opens in 2019.

Tampa Bay and New Orleans were also in the running to host a Super Bowl.

The selection of Atlanta, Miami and Los Angeles maintains the recent cycle of the league's owners rewarding cities that have built new stadiums or renovated existing facilities with the lucrative financial reward of hosting a Super Bowl in return.

Last year's Super Bowl was played in Santa Clara, California, after the 49ers built a stadium. Minneapolis will host a Super Bowl in 2018 with a new stadium that opens this season.

New York-New Jersey, Indianapolis, Dallas and Detroit all received Super Bowl bids in the past after spending millions on new stadiums.

Serena, Djokovic cruise; Azarenka falls

PARIS (AP)—Even before Serena Williams quickly and easily seized control of her first-round match Tuesday, things were shaping up rather well for her at the French Open.

Williams' bid for her 22nd Grand Slam title, which would equal Steffi Graf's Open-era record, began with a nothing-to-see-here 6-2, 6-0 victory over 77th-ranked Magdalena Rybarikova of Slovakia in all of 42 minutes.

Not that she wished it had been more of a workout.

"It was a little short for me, but I think in my career, if I don't have it by no I need to look into something different. So I'm OK—I'm OK with that," said the top-seeded Williams, who took the last 10 games after a so-so start.

What happened earlier on Day 3 was more surprising—and perhaps just as significant for the defending champion: Two of the top five seeded women exited the clay-court tournament.

No. 3 Angelique Kerber, who upset Williams in the Australian Open final in January, lost to 58th-ranked Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. And No. 5 Victoria Azarenka, one of the only other two women who defeated Williams this season, bowed out in the first round, too, stopping because of an injured right knee while trailing 4-0 in the third set against 118th-ranked Karen Knapp of Italy.

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Williams could have faced Azarenka in the quarterfinals at Roland Garros and Kerber in the semifinals.

But Azarenka's knee buckled in the sixth game of the second set, and she started grimacing and limping. After the first point of the next game, she went to the sideline and requested medical attention, which Knapp didn't think was fair.

"I don't want to say anything bad about her,"Knapp said, "but we all know how she is."

Azarenka managed to pull out the second set, but she eventually decided not to continue.

"I started to feel a sharp pain in my knee. I've had an injury there before, a while ago, but it hasn't been a problem until today,"Azarenka said, explaining: '"It got worse as the match went on."

Kerber, a lefty, got treatment for her left shoulder, which has been bothering her lately.

"That was, for sure, not my best tennis," she said.

In the six major tournaments before this one, Williams went 39-2, with the only losses coming against Kerber and No. 7 Roberta Vinci, who ended the American's try for a calendar-year Grand Slam at the 2015 U.S. Open but is done in Paris after losing Monday.

AP

Serena Williams of the U.S. serves in her first round match of the French Open tennis tournament against Slovakia's Magdalena Rybarikova at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

The rain that played havoc with the schedule over the first two days was nowhere to be found Tuesday, although the chill remained, and Williams wore leggings under her skirt and a zipped-up, long-sleeved top to shield her from temperatures that hovered around 60 degrees (15 Celsius).

"I don't like playing in cold weather," said Williams, who compiled 25 winners and five unforced errors, ''but everything felt pretty good.''

Her older sister, No. 9 Venus, also won in straight sets, avoiding a second consecutive first-round Grand Slam loss—and a second consecutive first-round French Open loss. She spent a lot more time on court, needing nearly two hours to get past 82nd-ranked Anett Kontaveit 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4).

The top-seeded man, Novak Djokovic, was not tested at all, defeating 95th-ranked Yen-hsun Lu 6-4, 6-1, 6-1. And Rafael Nadal was so at ease in a 6-1, 6-1, 6-1 victory over 100th-ranked Sam Groth that the nine-time French Open champion allowed himself a smile after a dazzling, back-to-the-net, through-the-legs passing shot winner.

No. 2 Andy Murray was never that at peace during his struggle of a match, which was suspended because of darkness Monday night in the fourth set.

Murray lost the opening two sets against 37-year-old Radek Stepanek, a qualifier from the Czech Republic who was the oldest man in the field, then twice was two points from losing while serving down 5-4 in the fifth on Tuesday.

"Today was pretty, you know, stressful," said Murray, who engaged in his usual mix of gesticulating and grousing.

Stepanek, meanwhile, was having the time of his life, mixing confounding drop shots with net rushes, and motioning to the crowd for more support.

In the end, though, Murray eked out a 3-6, 3-6, 6-0, 6-3, 7-5 win. He'll be scheduled to play for a third consecutive day on Wednesday.

"Obviously being so close, it's always tough to absorb," Stepanek said, "but to play on such a stage, in front of such a crowd, it's been a pleasure."

Yanks back at .500, beat Blue Jays behind Eovaldi

NEW YORK (AP)—For the first time since the second week of the season, the New York Yankees are back at .500.

A resurgent Nathan Eovaldi combined with his bullpen on a two-hitter to win his fifth straight decision, and the Yankees beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-0 Tuesday night to extend their winning streak to six games.

Carlos Beltran homered off knuckleballer R.A. Dickey (2-6) and drove in New York's first two runs. The Yankees (22-22) won for the 13th time in 18 games and evened their record for the first time since they were 4-4 on the morning of April 15.

Astros 3, Orioles 2, 13 innings

In Houston, Carlos Correa's RBI single in the 13th inning lifted Houston past Baltimore.

Rookie Tony Kemp hit his first career triple off Dylan Bundy (0-1) with no outs to start the 13th. The Orioles then intentionally walked George Springer and Jose Altuve to bring last year's rookie of the year Correa to the plate.

Rays 4, Marlins 3

In Miami, Jake Odorizzi allowed two hits in five shutout innings, Hank Conger hit a two-run single and Tampa Bay held on to beat Miami.

Odorizzi (2-2) struck out seven and walked three, plus delivered an RBI single for his first career hit. Logan Morrison had three hits and Brad Miller had two hits and two stolen bases for the Rays, who ended a three-game slide.

Indians 6, White Sox 2

In Chicago, Josh Tomlin beat Chris Sale in a one-sided matchup of unbeaten pitchers and Francisco Lindor had three hits to lead Cleveland.

Tomlin pitched eight innings of two-run ball to become the first Indians starter to reach 7-0 since Dennis Martinez won his first nine decisions in 1995.

Tigers 3, Phillies 1

In Detroit, Justin Verlander struck out 10 in eight scoreless innings, and Francisco Rodriguez held on for his 400th save as Detroit beat Philadelphia.

Miguel Cabrera drove in two runs for Detroit. Since losing 11 of 12 earlier this month, the Tigers have now won eight of nine.

Rangers 4, Angels 1

In Arlington, Martin Perez finally got a win after another strong May start and rookie Nomar Mazara homered in his home park for the first time, leading Texas past Los Angeles.

Perez (2-4) was winless for the month despite a 2.59 ERA in four starts coming in, and the left-hander dropped that number to 2.08 with six strikeouts in six shutout innings.

Nationals 7, Mets 4

In Washington, Steven Strasburg remained unbeaten with an 11-strikeout performance, and Washington hit three of their season-high five home runs off struggling New York Mets starter Matt Harvey.

Strasburg (8-0) gave up two runs and four hits over 6 2/3 innings in defeating Harvey and the Mets for the second time in six days.

Red Sox 8, Rockies 3

In Boston, David Price scattered five hits over seven innings and Jackie Bradley Jr. had two hits to extend his streak to 28 games in Boston's win over Colorado.

David Ortiz had a two-run double and a two-run single, and Dustin Pedroia added three hits to help Boston win its third straight game.

Brewers 2, Braves 1

In Atlanta, Scooter Gennett's tiebreaking single in the eighth inning helped Milwaukee spoil Brian Snitker's home debut as Atlanta's interim manager.

With two outs in the eighth, Bud Norris (1-6) walked Jonathan Villar, who stole second base.

Royals 7, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, Salvador Perez hit a two-run homer, Lorenzo Cain had four hits and two RBI, and Kansas City picked up where its bats left off the night before.

Wade Davis worked a wobbly ninth inning for his 12th save in 13 attempts, preserving the seventh win for the Royals in their last nine contests.

Mariners 6, Athletics 5

In Seattle, Leonys Martin hit a game-winning, two-run homer in the ninth inning to rally Seattle past Oakland.

The Mariners trailed 5-2 after seven innings but got a two-run homer from Robinson Cano in the eighth inning.

Giants 8, Padres 2

In San Francisco, Brandon Crawford drove in four runs and Jarrett Parker homered to lead Jeff Samardzija and streaking San Francisco past San Diego.

Buster Posey and Denard Span each knocked in a run for the Giants, who have won four straight and 12 of 13.

Dodgers 8, Reds 2

In Los Angeles, Joc Pederson doubled in the tying run and then scored the go-ahead run on a throwing error in the fourth inning, helping Los Angeles hand Cincinnati its season-high ninth straight loss.

The Dodgers' eight-game winning streak against the Reds is their longest active run against any opponent and their most since beating the Reds nine straight times in 2008-09.

Cubs 12, Cardinals 3

In St. Louis, Jason Hammel pitched 7 1/3 stingy innings and had a two-run double in Chicago's six-run first as the Cubs went on to rout St. Louis.

Michael Wacha (2-5) gave up a career-worst eight runs in four innings and has lost five consecutive decisions for the first time.

Pirates 12, Diamondbacks 1

In Pittsburgh, Gregory Polanco hit a three-run homer and drove in a career-best five runs as Pittsburgh rolled past Arizona.

Polanco's shot to the concourse in right-center field off Shelby Miller (1-6) in the first inning gave Pittsburgh an early boost.

Guzan pushes struggles aside, focuses on starting for US

DALLAS (AP)—Brad Guzan wants to put a rough Premier League season behind him and take a break from uncertainty over his club future.

U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann gave the Aston Villa goalkeeper plenty to think about in the next month, picking him to play in the Copa America over Tim Howard, the starter during the past two World Cups.

"My sole focus is on the summer, on this team, helping this team," Guzan said Tuesday, a day before a match against Ecuador in the second of three exhibitions ahead of the tournament. "For me, I've been looking forward to this. It should be a good summer."

AP

In this March 21, 2016, file photo, U.S. soccer goalkeepers Tim Howard, left, and Brad Guzan, warm up during a training sesson at Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla. Guzan is set to start ahead of veteran Tim Howard for the U.S. national team in the upcoming Copa America tournament, coach Jurgen Klinsmann announced Saturday, May 21, 2016.

Aston Villa's top goalkeeper since September 2012, Guzan lost his starting job to Mark Bunn in January, regained it in late March, then lost it again in late April as the Villans headed toward a last-place finish and relegation to the League Championship. He figures to transfer to another Premier League club or return to Major League Soccer, where he played for Chivas USA from 2005-08.

After 13 years in England, including 10 with Everton, Howard is coming back to MLS with Colorado in July. He lost his starting job on the Toffees to Joel Robles in late January, although he did return to start the club's last two home games.

Guzan started in last summer's CONCACAF Gold Cup, where the U.S. was knocked out by Jamaica in the semifinals. When Howard returned from his one-year national team sabbatical, the two rotated.

While Klinsmann picked 20-year-old Ethan Horvath of Norway's Molde as his third keeper, only Guzan and Howard were under consideration to start in the Copa America, where the U.S. opens against Colombia on June 3 at Santa Clara, California.

"You go through the season. You go through the last two years," Klinsmann said. "At the end of the day you've got to make a decision. And we feel very good about it."

Howard has not spoken with reporters since Klinsmann announced his decisions Saturday.

Guzan played for an Aston Villa team that gave up a league-high 76 goals and won just three times in 38 games, resulting in what will be its first season in the second tier since 1987-88.

"I feel ready," he said. "Obviously it's been a frustrating year, but at the same time, I've always been confident in myself, confident to help the team."

Guzan and Howard split World Cup qualifiers against Guatemala in March, with Howard appearing in the road loss and Guzan in the home win. Guzan started Sunday's 3-1 exhibition win at Puerto Rico, and Howard played the second half.

As Man United aura fades, Mourinho can make club box office again

LONDON (AP)—The stability Alex Ferguson fostered over more than 26 years at Old Trafford has eroded in the three years since his retirement. Manchester United often seems like just any other team, shorn of its aura of superiority and orderly calm while churning through managers.

United was just a footnote in the Premier League story last season, even when Louis van Gaal's team was winning, due to the insipid football that was a turn-off for even loyal fans.

It will be hard to take your eyes off United once Jose Mourinho is installed as the third manager in three years, as is expected imminently. With a combination of mystique and menace, Mourinho is managerial box office. Few players can match his pulling power.

It seemed inevitable that a coach with the brashest of personalities would one day be employed by a club seemingly fixated with ensuring there is a steady flow of stars in the squad. And not just because so many players have been delivered in recent years by Mourinho's agent, Jorge Mendes.

Mourinho wooed the Old Trafford leadership by giving interviews to the in-house TV channel, but United turned to David Moyes to succeed Ferguson in 2013.

Now both Mourinho and United are damaged goods. Both need to prove they are still at the pinnacle of their football powers.

United has lost the fear factor on the field. Van Gaal delivered what Moyes failed to do by winning the first post-Ferguson trophy.

But collecting the FA Cup was not enough to make the Glazer family, who own the club, believe the 64-year-old Dutchman could take the team to another level. Not when United finished fifth in the Premier League to miss out on the Champions League, despite more than $350 million being spent on players during Van Gaal's two-year reign.

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last two runs from Franklin Lizama and J.D. Dikito's RBI singles in the fifth and sixth inning, respectively, while the Blue Jays had theirs in the second. Jess Mesa hit an RBI single at the top of the second and also made it home off the Yankees booboo at centerfield.

After their two runs, the Blue Jays were called for 1-2-3 innings from third to fifth and missed a chance to end their misfortunes in the sixth when Davie Matagolai was left stranded at third as the last two batters went down off a 4-3 play and flyout. Leadoff batter Justin Santos also flied out. The Blue Jays had a runner stranded (at first) too at the top of the seventh and last inning after Lieto fanned out Aaron Benevante.

In last Friday's game, Jeffrey Lizama also pitched for the Bears without relief, struck out seven, allowed only five hits, and gave up no earned run to extend his team's streak.

The Falcons made the two runs at the top of the fifth off the Bears' defensive lapses to even up the count, 2-all. However, the Bears quickly regained the upper hand at the bottom of the sixth with A.J. Lizama recording an RBI double and Peyton and Henry Lizama each tallying an RBI single. The Bears hung on to the lead after shutting down the Falcons in the last three innings with Lieto earning four more strikeouts.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	28	17	.622	—
Baltimore	26	17	.605	1
New York	22	22	.500	5½
Tampa Bay	21	22	.488	6
Toronto	22	25	.468	7

Central Division

Chicago	27	20	.574	—
Cleveland	24	20	.545	1½
Kansas City	24	21	.533	2
Detroit	23	22	.511	3
Minnesota	11	34	.244	15

West Division

Seattle	27	18	.600	—
Texas	26	20	.565	1½
Los Angeles	21	25	.457	6½
Oakland	20	27	.426	8
Houston	18	28	.391	9½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	28	18	.609	—
New York	26	19	.578	1½
Philadelphia	25	21	.543	3
Miami	23	22	.511	4½
Atlanta	12	32	.273	15

Central Division

Chicago	30	14	.682	—
Pittsburgh	25	19	.568	5
St. Louis	24	22	.522	7
Milwaukee	19	26	.422	11½
Cincinnati	15	31	.326	16

West Division

San Francisco	29	19	.604	—
Los Angeles	24	23	.511	4½
Colorado	21	23	.477	6
Arizona	21	26	.447	7½
San Diego	19	28	.404	9½

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ma and Andrew Palino in a losing effort. Djay Ong was the fourth Kagman player to hit double figures with his 13.

Rolly Paraiso had only 7 markers for JP World, but 5 of them came in the homestretch and spelled the difference in their 9-point win. Viray nailed JP World's last field goal and recorded 8 points of the team's final 15 markers.

In the other playoff game, Douglas Schimdt sizzled for 46 points to tow the Ol'Aces to the easy win against another young team—the NMI Rollers.

With Schimdt's guns blazing, the Ol'Aces established an early double-digit spread, 26-14, and were way ahead by halftime, 58-26. NMI Rollers never made headway in the second half, allowing the unbeaten Ol'Aces to ease their way to the semis and extend their streak to 10 after sweeping the round-robin regular season.

Schimdt's capped the Ol'Aces' demolition of NMI Rollers by logging 20 points in the fourth quarter and his team's last 10. And as if Schimdt's explosive offensive game was not enough, the Ol'Aces also drew a steady performance from Freddie Pelisamen and Marvin Rabauliman, who contributed 18 apiece. Mike Babauta added 12.

Jehthro Cruz paced NMI Rollers with his 21 points.

Meanwhile, the playoff round continues tonight with Blue Haus meeting CES Electronics at 6:30pm and the Runnin' Rebels battling the 670 Sonics at 8pm. The winner of the Blue Haus-CES tiff will duel JP World in the first semis match on Tuesday, while the victor in the Runnin' Rebels-670 Sonics game will challenge the Ol'Aces in the other Final Four pairing on the same day at 8pm.

First Game

Ol'Aces 118 — Schmidt 46, Pelisamen 18, Rabauliman 18, Babauta 12, Lizama 4, Basa 4, Barcinas 2, Deleon Guerrero 2.

NMI Rollers 84 — Cruz 21, Ogumoro 16, Alipio 11, Dancoe 10, Tengco 6, Darag 4, Babauta 4, Factor 3, Dela Cruz 3, Nakayama 3, Abobo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 26-14, 58-26, 86-48, 118-84.

Second Game

JP World Ballers 82 — Pagarao 22, Viray 21, Paraiso 7, Lilles 6, Lauron 6, Borja 5, Camacho 4, Ferrer 3.

Kagman Rizerz 73 — Sakisat 17, Nakashima 16, Palino 16, Ong 13, Muna 6, Jones 4, Moses 2.

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ers tallying double figures, the fourth semifinalist managed to offset the 30-point production of Jethro Cruz.

Cruz waxed hot early, firing 9 points in the first quarter to keep the fourth-ranked Rollers White afloat, 16-17.

The fifth-ranked Ol'Aces then managed to gain some distance by halftime, 43-35, behind the combined 15 points of Borja and Olopai. Olopai had a string of 5 points in the first part of the second frame, while Olopai dropped 7 of the Ol'Aces' last 9 markers for their 8-point cushion.

The Ol'Aces then kept the upper hand in the third, 68-64, as Sablan, Ignacio Borja, and Aiferson worked together and countered Cruz's baskets. Cruz then slowed down in the fourth, as he was held to two field goals, leaving Kenji Abobo and Dalton Dancoe to carry the fight for Rollers White against the Ol'Aces that had too many options on offense to close out the game.

Meanwhile, the Ol'Aces were battling the top-ranked 670 Sonics last night for the first finals berth and results of the game were unavailable at press time.

The 670 Sonics eased their way into the semis after pulling away from Wong in the second quarter of their playoff game last Monday. The Sonics were still behind after the first canto, 12-14, when they outgunned Wong in the second, 28-4, for a big 40-18 halftime advantage. The regular season top finisher never looked back to advance to the Final Four against the Ol'Aces.

In the other semis pairing today, the second-seeded Kagman will take on the third-ranked Rollers Blue. The winners of the Final Four pairings will go for all the marbles tomorrow in the 5pm finals.

Ol'Aces 87— Sablan 13, Olopai 13, Atalig 12, I. Borja 11, E. Borja 8, N-Nes 7, Aiferson 7, Kabiriel 6, Cristobal 4, Castillo 2.

Rollers White 84 — Cruz 30, Darag 12, Dancoe 11, Deocares 8, Abobo 8, Ellama 6, Oangilinan 3.

Scoring by quarters: 17-16, 43-35, 68-64, 87-84.

SBA honors winter-spring season top performers

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The Saipan Billiards Association honored the individual performers in the 2016 winter-spring season with Ray Matsunaga and Marc Brian Nelvis leading the list as they collected three awards each in the Thursday and Tuesday leagues.

Matsunaga collected the 8-Ball On Break awards in both the Thursday and Tuesday leagues, joining Patrick "Stallion" Cepeda and Rey Hermogenes in the latter division. He was the Top Performer award recipient in the Thursday League together with Randy Sablan and Cesar Sangalang.

All of Nelvis' three awards—Run The Rack, and elimination round and finals most valuable player—are in the Tuesday League as he helped the Jokers IT&E Voyagers clinch the title.

Sangalang was also the Run The Rack winner in the Thursday League, while Mark Butac was the lone recipient of the Top Performer award in the Tuesday League.

Manny Mariano was the Thursday League elimination round MVP as he aided National Alamo Car Rental to a third place finish, while Joshua Woodson, who was part of regular season champ Jokers Homeboyz, was named finals MVP.

All the awardees received trophies during SBA's banquet for the 21st edition of the tournament at the Pacific Island Club-Saipan Charley's Cabaret.

Meanwhile, Budweiser remains the sponsor of both leagues including the postseason single elimination round tournament topped this year by Alamo (Thursday) and Jokers StraightBlackBall (Tuesday).

Sign-up is ongoing for the upcoming summer-fall season set to start in July. The Warehouse, which opened only last month, and Doro's Lechon are the new team sponsors of both leagues.

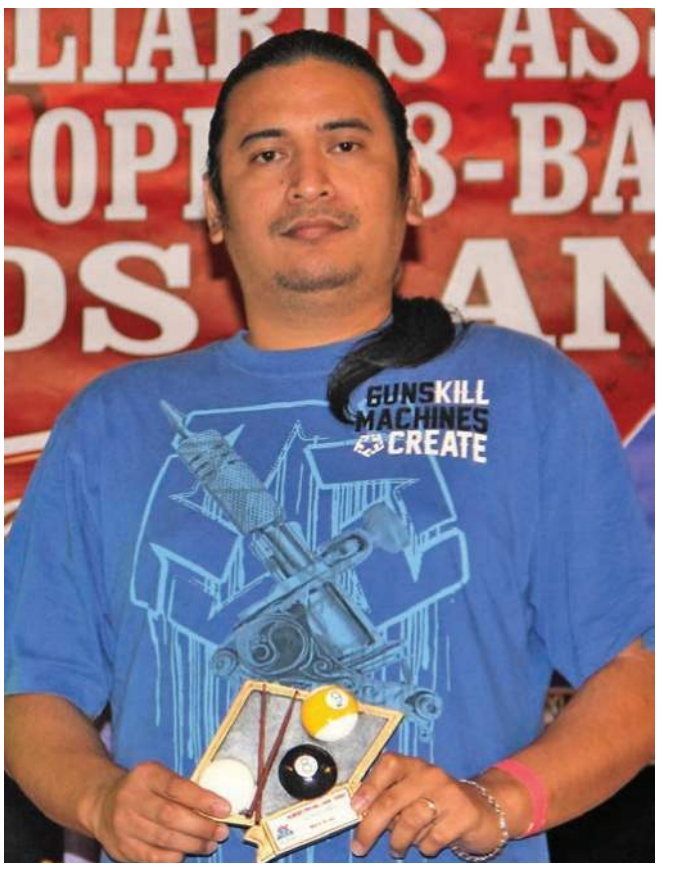
Jonny's Bar & Grill, Jokers Bar & Grill, Wild Bill's Bar & Grill, Saipan Computer Service, IT&E, National Alamo Car Rental, and NTT Docomo Pacific are the location bars and team sponsors of last season.

Jim Gebhard, left, gives a plaque of appreciation to MARPAC representative Michelle Villacrucis.

Cesar Sangalang shows his Thursday League's Run The Rack award.

Rey Hermogenes joins Ray Matsunaga and Patrick "Stallion" Cepeda on the the 8-Ball break winners list in the Tuesday League.

Kai Thamka, left, receives a plaque of appreciation from Pacific Amusement general manager Jim Gebhard.



Mark Butac wins the Top Performer award in the Tuesday League.

Manny Mariano is the Thursday League's elimination round most valuable player.

Marc Brian Nelvis is the Tuesday League elimination round and finals MVP, and Run The Rack winner.

Joshua Woodson is the finals MVP in the Thursday League.

Jack Thoensaket receives the Tuesday League's Sportsmanship award on behalf of the Jonny's Titans.

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Ol'Aces eliminate Rollers White

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The Ol'Aces outclassed Rollers White, 87-84, in their playoff game in the U18 division of the Inaugural Frank M. Diaz Memorial Youth League last Tuesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

With the victory, the Ol'Aces completed the Final Four cast, joining the Sonics, Kagman Rizers, and Rollers Blue, while Rollers White was eliminated. The Sonics and Kagman booked the first two semis berths after downing Wong, 65-43, and Tanapag, 70-53, respectively, last week, while Rollers Blue defeated Rollers Red last Monday, 69-51.

The Ol'Aces-Rollers White tiff was the closest playoff game so far in the youth league with the former knocking in crucial free throws to escape with the 3-point win. Aitan Aiferson and Edmund Borja had a split to score the Ol'Aces' last 2 points, while Irvin Olopai drilled the team's final field goal to keep their shaky lead.

Olopai ended up top-scoring for the Ol'Aces with his 13 markers. Greg Sablan also had 13 points, while Napu Atalig and Ignacio Borja chipped in 11. With four Ol'Aces play-

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The Ol'Aces' Ignacio Borja goes up for a reverse shot against Rollers White's Dalton Dancoe during the third quarter of their playoff game in the Diaz youth caging last Tuesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Bears keep streak; Yankees snap skid

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Yankees players warm up during their first round meeting against the Blue Jays in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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The Chalan Kanoa Bears continue their winning ways, while the Yankees are back on track in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League.

The pacesetters Bears downed the Falcons, 5-2, in last Friday's game at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield for their 10th victory in as many games, while the Yankees blew out the Blue Jays last Monday, 13-2, to end their six-game losing skid and improve to a 3-6 record.

Peter Lieto pitched in no relief in seven innings and struck out 10 to help the Yankees earn their first win since recording back-to-back triumphs (versus Blue Jays and North Starz) in April. He allowed only two hits.

The Yankees defeated the Blue Jays anew via 10-run mercy rule after six and a half innings. The eventual winners set up the early win after a six-run bottom of the fourth inning highlighted by Franco Nakamura's three-run double. Nakamura also reached off a Blue Jays' error and the Yankees tallied two more runs from Franco Flores' RBI walk and another miscue from their opponents for an 11-2 advantage.

The Yankees then drew their

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Ballers, Ol'Aces gain semis berths

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The JP World Ballers and Ol'Aces booked the first two semis tickets in the 2016 Island-wide Men's Basketball League after knocking out their respective playoff foes last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Ol'Aces made it first to the semifinals after a 118-84 rout of NMI Rollers in the curtain-raiser, while JP World followed suit as it downed Kagman Rizers in the second match, 82-73.

Lerio Pagarao and Ken Viray teamed up in JP World's victory, as they combined for more than half of the team's total production. Pagarao had a game-high 22 points, while Viray chipped in 21. Majority of Pagarao and Viray's outputs came in the second half as they kept JP World in front against the young crew of Kagman.

Kagman got 17 points from Melvin Sakisat and 16 each from Nak Nakashi-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Ol'Aces' Jeff Deleon Guerrero, center, protects the ball on his way to a layup against the defense of JP World Ballers' Ignacio Borja during their regular season game in the island-wide caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. The Ol'Aces and JP World are now in the semifinals after eliminating their playoff foes last Tuesday night.